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Call for tighter controls at clinics

Test-tube baby doctor helps HIV women

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

BRITAIN'S leading test-tube baby doctor blew open the ethical debate on fertility treatments yesterday by offering to help HIV-positive women to

Professor Lord Winston has already treated a former heroin user against the wishes of most of his colleagues although without success and he has several other

infected patients on his books. His decision prompted immediate calls for tighter controls on the fertility clinics which treat 18,000 women a year, although the British Medical Association said that doctors should be trusted to use their judgment.

The former heroin user treated by Lord Winston had been HIV-positive for ten years and had been refused treatment by another clinic five years ago because she had the virus. She was referred to Professor Winston in 1994 and his initial reaction was that he would not help, but he

changed his mind after talking to her and her husband. She had been clean of drugs for eight years and in a totally supportive relationship for five. Although she had the Aids virus — caught from a boyfriend when she was 19 she was quite well. Lord Winston calculated that there was a 10 to 15 per cent risk of her child being born with the virus, which could be reduced to 7 per cent by antiviral drugs

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and a Caesarean delivery. Lord Winston consulted the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, which was worried in principle about the problems involved, but felt that the decision should be taken by doctor and patients; the chairman of the ethics committee at the Hammersmith Hospital clinic favoured

But Lord Winston's staff were almost all against the idea and at a stormy meeting of his 70-strong team, mothers argued that they could not

6 Yes, HIV is a potential death sentence ... but we allow many quite ill women to go through with

pregnancy? - Professor Robert Winston writes on page 16

allow the unit to bring a child into the world who might die or whose mother might die.

Lord Winston decided to

proceed anyway, and charita-ble money was used to pay the £1,700 bill. Had the treatment succeeded, the woman would probably have been the first in the world to have a test-tube baby knowing she was HIVpositive. But it failed and the couple have not tried again.

Defending his actions, Lord Winston said: "It was the right thing to do in this case. I would do it again given somebody who had a very, very long period of not demonstrating any disease and with the same very secure situation,

knowing that in the likelihood of the mother dying, the partner would still be there to support and care for the child.

There is no evidence that some people with HIV do not develop full-blown Aids. That was a major factor. I can't imagine treating somebody who actually had Aids or anyone who had been HIVpositive for only a few years.

even if they were well."

Another HIV-positive woman he was considering treating was infected by a blood transfusion after a road traffic accident. He has also seen a laboratory technician who was infected at work by a splash of blood.

Baroness Warnock, who chaired the inquiry into testtube techniques, said: "The risk (of the baby inheriting HIV] is no greater than his or getting it from somebody else in due course", and Richard Lane of the National Family Trust said: "Every child has the risk of inherited health defects. I wouldn't want to classify HIV as different."

While the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority felt the decision should be left to doctors, it said it would investigate any clinic that developed a general policy of treating HIV-positive

But the Liberal Democrat MP David Alton criticised the authority for not intervening, saying: "They really are the most pathetic lot. When you turn the creation of life into just another consumerist act, it leads to many unacceptable moral and ethical problems."



Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, wants household bills cut by £50 a year

Gas chief says price cuts could cost 10,000 jobs

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

at risk if tough price curbs are forced on British Gas, the company claimed yesterday after the industry regulator revealed plans to cut customers' bills by about £50 a year.

The Ofgas proposals for tighter controls on the pipeline business TransCo were far harsher than the City had been expected and British Gas shares slumped 27p to 201p.

The deputy chairman Philip Rogerson declared it "a very black day for Sid" and said the controls would not leave the company with enough cash to invest in pipelines and safety measures. "If these proposals were implemented they would represent one of the biggest smash-and-grab raids ever and destabilise this industry at a time of high risk," he said. The company would have to halve its workforce to implement the "ill-conceived and impractical" proposals and still stay in business.

But consumers' groups and Labour welcomed Clare Spottiswoode's plans, which she said would leave householders about £30 better off next year, rising to £50 at the end of the five-year review period. She wants British Gas's pipeline business to take a one-off cut of between 20 and 28 per cent in its revenues from the independent gas companies using the network next year. After that, they must fall by 5 per cent a year in real terms

These reduced payments to suppliers - including the company's own supply arm would feed through to customers and Ms Spottiswoode said that would redress the balance between shareholders and consumers.

Margaret Beckett, Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, tempered a welcome for the proposals with concern over

ABOUT 10,000 jobs would be safety. She said: "These proposals show that regulation can and must work for the customer. Labour believes, however, that safety and security of supply are para-mount, and we will look at what both TransCo and the regulator have to say in that

Ian Powe, director of the Gas Consumers' Council, said that the proposals meant that consumers had paid £100 a year too much since the last price review in 1994. But he also warned of investment implications: "If the picture is only half as bad as British Gas



matter for the public interest."
The GMB union, the main union for TransCo workers. also sounded fears for safety. Donald Macgregor, GMB national secretary for gas workers, said: "The regulator is cutting but the cost could be reduced safety and no real benefit to customers.

British Gas and Ofgas have until next month to negotiate when the regulator will produce her final curbs. The row is then likely to move to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

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Chirac praise for Britain

President Chirac, in a rare audience in the Elysée palace, expressed sympathy for the plight of British cattle farmers and said France would back any relaxation of the beef ban approved at a European level. He spoke of his fond memories of postwar Britain and said that the Franco-British alliance is as vital to France as

Ceasefire hope

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Sir Patrick Mayhew fuelled intense speculation about a renewed IRA ceasefire when he welcomed Sinn Fein's claim that the IRA was "open to persuasion". He said that political parties could raise any issue at the coming all-.... Page 2



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Labour plans holiday cuts | Mitre for opponent | in streamlined parliament | of women priests

By Philip Webster, political editor

A RADICAL shake-up of the workings of Parliament, including the abolition of the long summer recess and substantially increased powers for Commons committees, is to be proposed by the Labour leadership today. Presenting proposals de-

signed to modernise Parliament and clean up politics, it will suggest more flexible ways of handling legislation in the Commons, with an end to the "bunching" of big events including the Queen's Speech and the Budget, in the autumn. In a move already raised with the Government, Labour is to propose that senior civil servants should be able to work for Opposition parties as well as the Govern-

ment of the day. Under the plan to make the more effective Britain would follow the practice in other European countries of allowing civil servants to be "attached" to senior figures in the Opposition. The foreign policy adviser to the Leader of the Opposition may be paid for

out of the public purse. Under Labour the system of select and standing committees could be streamlined with the new bodies given powers to confirm public appointments such as heads of agencies and to hold quangos to account. There will also be proposals to make Parliament less confrontational.

The ideas, many of which are backed by Tony Blair, will be put forward at a London conference on the constitution organised by the Charter 88 lobbying group by Ann Tayoperation of the Opposition lor, the Shadow Leader of the

Commons. She will suggest all-party talks on Mr Blair has backed plans

to end Prime Minister's Questions in their present form. Mrs Taylor will suggest amalgamating the two 15-minute weekly sessions into one halfhour session in which the Prime Minister of the day would be given more notice of questions although the Opposition leader will still be given the element of surprise and not have to declare his questions in advance.

Mr Blair favours the idea of an experiment in the early days of a Labour government. with one 15-minute session in the present style and the new half-hour session.

Labour will also ask the Noian Committee to look at the funding of political parties.

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the strongest opponents of women priests in the Church of England is to be appointed bishop in a move that will be welcomed warmly by traditionalists and will enrage the centre and liberal wings of the Church. The Rev



Broadhurst: appointment will anger liberals

John Broadhurst, Team Rector of Wood Green in north, London and head of the traditionalist umbrella group Forward in Faith, is to become Bishop of Fulham.

The appointment, by the new Bishop of London, the Right Rev Richard Chartres, will be welcomed widely in London, where his supporters have repeatedly expressed concern that he has been passed over for promotion. But it will be viewed with dismay by women priests and their supporters and could deepen the rifts in a diocese that is the most divided in the

Bishop Chartres will also announce that Dr John Sentamu, Vicar of Tulse Hill in south London, is to become the Continued on page 2, col 3

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Jane Robinson, a spokeswoman for

the county council, said the hoax was

"a means to try and stimulate the

children's imagination" but added:

"We feel a misjudgment was made and we are investigating the matter."

The uncle of a ten-year-old pupil in

the class said: "I was outraged. People

have been sent to prison for saying

that there is a bomb, even in jest. It's a

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'Stimulating' bomb hoax blows up in teacher's face have to do things to capture the

By Kyle Smith

A TEACHER'S attempts to fire her pupils' imagination by staging a fake terrorist attack on their school backfired when the terrified children began crying and complained to their

parents. Carol Wilson, a teacher at South Bersted Church of England Primary School in Bognor Regis, West Sussex, planted a ticking box inside the building and arranged for a colleague to enter the class of 9 to 11-year-olds to announce that a bomb warning had been received by telephone. According to pupils, Mrs Wilson

then asked them to look for the bomb. A boy found a box with a ticking alarm clock inside which the teacher then took outside handling it as if it were a real bomb. One girl burst into tears and only then did Mrs Wilson tell the children the bomb was a fake. She asked them to write an essay about what had happened.

Now parents of the frightened children are angry because they say a real IRA attack, which rattled the school's windows in August 1994, is still fresh in the memory. They have demanded that Mrs Wilson be disciplined. Deborah Cronin said her son Danny, ten, was so shaken by the experience that he could not speak about it for a week.

Becky Maw, the school's headteacher, defended Mrs Wilson, saying. "It was obviously not a bomb. We

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criminal offence, isn't it?"

children's imagination."

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Balmy House gets curiouser and curiouser

MATTHEW PARRIS

WHEN Eric Illisley (Lab, Barnsley Central) intervened in yesterday's debate on Northern Ireland to mention the shock to Short Brothers caused by the demise of Fok-ker, Deputy Speaker Dame Janet Fookes sat up sharply. Had she heard something unparliamentary?

She had not. You could have slept through yesterday after-noon at the Commons and missed nothing but a brief. sparkling exchange with Michael Heseltine.

It was a planted question, of course. All too often what masquerades as an imprompparliamentary exchange has in reality been scripted beforehand.

Ministers prime their fa-

vourite poodles on the backbenches with the desired question, it is duly asked, and the minister comes back quick as a flash with his prepared reply. Boom-boom. It only works, however, when the script is good enough and the minister is as professional showman as Michael

Heseltine.
Tory MPs had read reports in Saturday's Times of a rift between Peter Mandelson, Tony Blair's communications guru, and Gordon Brown, Shadow Chancellor. During questions to the Deputy Prime Minister yesterday Jacques Arnold (C. Gravesham) asked Mr Heseltine whether he had had any problem with col-leagues in the Cabinet refus-

POLITICAL SKETCH ing to speak to each other for

18 months. The Government benches hugged themselves with plea-sure as Heseltine replied. He shared Mr Arnold's compassion for the Shadow Cabinet. "I would be very happy to make an offer to Mr Blair to hold some sort of reception so that members of the Shadow Cabinet can get together in convivial circumstances and sort out their difficulties in

private." he said. The Tories, bruised as they are, were enjoying this, and for once Dennis Skinner failed to spoil their fun. He added to it, rising to accuse Heseltine of cheek. Ah, said Hezza, for all the world as though Skinner's intervention was in his script. too: "I am very happy to invite you to the reception too - and then the Shadow Cabinet can really learn what 'new' Labour

is all about." It was a warm afternoon.

MPs leaned back on the benches to try to picture the party Mr Heseltine might give for the Shadow Cabinet.

Your sketchwriter has day-

a tea party: the Mad Hezza's Tea Party. The Shadow Chancellor would be Brown March Hare and Peter Mandelson would have to be Alice. Hezza would soon have the two of them talking to each other ...
"Take some more tea," the
March Hare said to Alice,

very earnestly. Tve had nothing yet," Alice replied in an offended tone, so I can't take more."

Robin Cook, regarded as too small and hairy to be important in new Labour but actually rather bright, would have to be the Dormouse, squeaking impotently from the teapot as the Brown March Hare squashes the lid down on him each time he pops up. The

dialogue would have about as much logical coherence as the assorted utterances of Opposition frontbenchers ...

"Have some wine." the March Hare said in an encouraging tone. Alice looked all round the table, but there was nothing on it but tea. "I don't see any wine," she re-marked. "There isn't any." said the Hare.

But what Brown's and Mandelson's Leader play in our Alice in Wonderland world? Remember the Cheshire Cat?

"This time it vanished quite slowly, beginning with the end of the tail, and ending with the grin, which remained for some time after the rest of it had gone.'



Harriet Harman declared that Britain's 2,600 GP fundholders would lose the £3.6 billion they now spend on hospital care as she outlined Labour's proposals to give all family doctors greater powers. Ms Harman said that Labour intended to replace GP fundholding with a new system of commissioning. GPs would work alongside health authorities and hospital doctors to decide on

hospital care for their patients.

Doctors' leaders said GP fundholding remained the grit in the oyster" of the NHS reforms. The National Association of Fundholding Practices said that an investigation by the Audit Commission, to be published next week, would defend the principle of the scheme. The commission, which has investigated 56 practices, found that few fundholders have improved services for their patients and the scheme has been costly to run.

Chequers poll summit

John Major summoned ministers of state and undersecretaries representing all government departments to Chequers yesterday for a brainstorming session on the Government's political strategy up to the general election. Party sources said that the Prime Minister would not be discussing a manifesto. The meeting follows Kenneth Clarke's weekend warning that he could not guarantee tax cuts in the Budget.

Labour gun reforms

Guns would have log books allowing police to track changes in ownership under Labour proposals to reform the firearms laws. The books, similar to those for vehicles. would be linked to a national register of firearms. Jack Straw, Shadow Home Secretary, outlined plans to ban anyone under 18 from owning or using a firearm and allow police to refuse firearms certificates without providing

Army to fund appeal

Three British soldiers jailed for life in Cyprus for killing Louise Jensen, a Danish tour guide, are to have their appeals funded by the Army Legal Aid Scheme, the Government said last night. Allan Ford, 27, Justin Fowler, 28, and Geoffrey Pernell, 24, were found guilty on March 29 of abduction, manslaughter and conspiracy to rape. Their lawyers have claimed that the evidence was flawed and the sentences were too harsh.

Golden egg laid at last

The only two golden eagles breeding in England have hatched at least one chick after failing to produce young for three years, ornithologists said yesterday. Wardens from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, helped by volunteers, have been keeping a 24-hour watch on the birds' eyrie near Penrith in the Lake District to guard against egg thieves. There are estimated to be 425 pairs of golden eagles

Bullet to be removed

The five-year-old girl from Sierra Leone who has survived for 16 months with a bullet in her brain will have an operation to remove it today at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Tenneh Cole was taken in by a British-run charity in Freetown after her she lost her parents in the civil war and flown to Britain last week. Surgeons decided an operation to remove the bullet, which is lodged behind her right eye. was necessary because of the risk of infection.

Thames steps to reopen

An attempt to reopen historic steps along the Thames has been launched by the Port of London Authority. Many of the steps, points used by watermen to ferry people across the river, have become the stuff of London legend. The authority has identified 246 points offering access to the Thames and its foreshore from Teddington to Southendon-Sea. Only about 44 are still in use with many of the rest closed off and crumbling into disrepair.

TV reporter dies

The ITN reporter Joan Thirkettle has died less than six months after being diagnosed as suffering from cancer. Ms Thirkettle, 48, joined ITN in 1974. She was also a presenter on Classic FM. Stewart Purvis, ITN chief executive, said: "She had a distinctive style which was respected throughout the industry." Ms Thirkettle, who died on Saturday, was divorced and had two teenage children. Obituary, page 19

Pop go Oasis tickets

All 300,000 tickets for four shows by the British band Oasis sold out within nine hours, a rate of more than ten tickets a second. Demand for the two shows at Knebworth, Hertfordshire, and Loch Lomond was so intense that promoters added another day to each gig. More than 1.5 million callers tried to order tickets within the first two minutes of them going on sale at 9am on Saturday.

Rorke's Drift VC for sale

One of 11 Victoria Crosses awarded for the legendary defence at Rorke's Drift, immortalised in the film Zula, goes on sale at Dix and Webb in London next month. Experts say 21-year-old Robert Jones's medal could fetch a world record - more than the £132,000 paid in 1992 for a First World War pilot's VC collection. All but two of the Rorke's Drift VCs are in regimental collections.

Mayhew welcomes Sinn Fein hint of fresh ceasefire

By Nicholas Watt and Arthur Leathley, and Martin Fletcher in washington

SIR PATRICK MAYHEW fuelled intense speculation about a renewed IRA œasefire vesterday when he welcomed Sinn Fein's claim that the IRA was "open to persuasion" about a new truce. In a sign of renewed co-

operation with Sinn Fein, the Northern Ireland Secretary, also made clear that he accepted its demands that political parties could raise any issue at the all-party talks that are due to start on June 10. A warmer relationship be-

tween London and Sinn Fein was also signalled by a positive response from Gerry Adams's party, which said that Sir Patrick had raised the "possibility of a meaningful discussion on constitutional and political change". British ministers, who re-

main adamant that Sinn Fein can join the talks only if the IRA ceasefire is restored, were backed yesterday by strong pressure from Washington aimed at bringing the recent bombing campaign to an end. After months of private

pressure, the White House began publicly urging the IRA to restore its ceasefire. Nancy Soderberg, President Clinton's senior Irish affairs expert, said: "It is now getting so that there's no justification for a continued bombing campaign." In another significant from the main talks. Although



Adams: makes positive response to Sir Patrick

statement from Washington, Senator Chris Dodd, the Democratic Party chairman, told BBC radio that "until this ceasefire is resumed I would strongly urge the President not to be extending visas to Gerry Adams". Before now Mr Dodd has strongly supported visas for the Sinn Fein eader. Last year he played a key role in persuading Mr Clinton to let Mr Adams raise

funds in America. The Washington moves came as British ministers prepare to accept plans for the destruction of terrorist weapons to be discussed separately

month by the Irish Government, has angered Unionists, ministers believe that separate discussions are the only way of keeping the talks going. Sir Patrick yesterday underlined the importance of keep-

the proposal, put forward last

ing all the parties in negotiations once the talks begin. Speaking in Belfast, he said that London and Dublin had agreed that there would be "general discussions on an open agenda with nothing preordained, nothing ruled out, nothing ruled in. It is just as important that that should be made clear as it is important that the issue of decommissioning has got to be addressed.

He insisted that political parties would have to sign up to Mitchell principles of nonviolence at the start of talks. His comments, however, show that the Government is moving closer to Dublin's insistence that arms should not become a log-jamming issue. Both London and Washington are auxious to ensure that nationalists do not boycott the talks because of disagreement over decommissioning.

However, John Major was warned yesterday that the talks could collapse unless he rejects calls for separate discussions over the destruction of terrorist weapons. David

Sir Patrick Mayhew samples a pint at the opening of a new Belfast brewhouse Trimble, the Ulster Unionist mechanism" for decommisleader, met Mr Major to underline deep fears over the suggestions, which Unionists claim could allow Sinn Fein the chance to delay moves

towards decommissioning. Amid clear signs that British ministers are preparing the ground for separate talks. Downing Street officials said last night that the "precise

sioning had still to be resolved. Mr Trimble has made clear to Mr Major that Unionists will be satisfied with nothing short of an actual commitment to decommisioning before talks continue.

Within hours of Sir Patrick's comments, Mitchel McLaughlin. Sinn Fein's national chairman, gave an upbeat re-

Úlster: "I think it is a very interesting comment (from Sir Patrick Mayhew]. It certainly represents a change of rhetoric . . . The comments do open up the possibility of a meaningful

sponse. He told BBC Radio

discussion on constitutional and political change." Republicans are said to be

engaged in an intense internal debate about their next move.

Barclays bids to run student loans

By John O'Leary and Lindsay Cook

BARCLAYS Bank, the object of a prolonged campus boycott less than a decade ago, is among three financial institutions bidding to run a privatised student loan scheme.

The bank's competitors chose to remain anonymous yesterday as the deadline for tenders passed but the Clydesdale Bank and a major building society were understood to have entered the race.

Privatisation of the Student Loans Company was delayed last December, weeks after legislation was announced. Banks and building societies ignored appeals to take over the system because of the commercial risks and the prospect of being identified with an unpopular service.

A new system was to have been introduced in September. The delay left a £100 million hole in government finances. the savings anticipated from transferring liabilities from the scheme. With the privatisation Bill receiving Royal

Assent last week, lenders have been reassessing their stance. Barclays has been in prolonged talks with the Education and Employment Department and the National

Union of Students. Barclays said its bid did not represent "a massive change of heart". The bank had been able to put forward a proposal that could be commercially viable, under which the Student Loans Company would operate and Barclays

would also offer loans on the same terms and interest rates. That means graduates would have five years to repay loans once their income reached 85 per cent of the national average, and government subsidy would support a

rate of interest pegged to the Retail Prices Index. The NUS remains opposed to privatised loans under the scheme but said Barclays had met its call for faster processing and thorough consultation

Bishops

Continued from page 1 Bishop of Stepney, and the London diocese's first black bishop. The Ven Michael Colclough, Bishop Chartres' per-sonal assistant, will become Bishop of Kensington.

Mr Broadhurst, who replaces Bishop John Klyberg on his retirement next month. has a pastoral record considered second to none. As suffragan, he will deputise in the Bishop of London's absence. The names of the three new bishops and one archdeacon are to be announced officially this morning.

The Ugandan-born Dr Sentamu's pentecostal-style services are renowned for gospel music and, sometimes, dancing in the aisles. He will be the first black bishop north of the Thames and only the second in the Church of England, after Bishop Wilfred

Wood of Croydon. The appointment of Mr Coldough, who will ordain women priests, to Kensington where nine out of ten clergy oppose them could spark defections from the area by clergy who may prefer the jurisdiction of Mr Broadhurst.

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Heseltine dampens Tory BSE tit-for-tat clamour

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

RIGHT-WING Cabinet ministers are preparing to step up the pressure for tougher action to lift the European ban on British beef amid fresh signs of differences in the Government over its response.

Some ministers on the Right are proposing ways of giving British courts a stronger hand against rulings from Brussels. while Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, is refusing to rule out retaliatory action. However, the demands for robust tit-for-tat measures are

likely to meet with opposition at Thursday's cabinet from Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister. He had faced calls for retaliatory measures from Euro-sceptic MPs but dampened their hopes by saying it was a "European issue" which had to be dealt with through negotiation "however aggravated and difficult it undoubtedly is".

Mr Heseltine said large numbers of these countries had introduced a ban of their

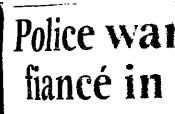
own and a significant number had introduced a ban long before that by the EU. "This is an international issue," he said. The beef market in many of the European countries is actually suffering more than the beef market in this

country. Mr Major will seek support from Jacques Chirac, the French President, when he arrives in London for a threeday visit. However, if the committee of European veterinary experts fails to agree to a partial lifting of the ban tomorrow, the demand for action from Tory rightwingers

will become even stronger. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary. Michael Forsyth. the Scottish Secretary, and others on the Right are believed to favour a radical plan to make European law subordinate to UK law in areas of conflict. Mr Major is said to be unconvinced of the need for such a drastic step and would almost certainly be backed by Mr Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, Mr Rifkind said the "sense of frustration" over the continuing ban had now spread

throughout the country and the Government. At a meeting of foreign ministers in Brussels he said that the Commission was now unanimously recommending that the ban be eased and it would be intolerable if any member states tried to oppose that view in the face of scientific evidence that all necessary precautions against mad cow disease and its transfer to

humans are being taken. ☐ Beef sales are 94 per cent of what they were this time last year, according to figures from the Meat and Livestock Commission yesterday. The figures refer to fresh and frozen beef such as steaks. joints, mince and braising and stewing steak. The recovery in sales has been less good for burgers and processed prod-



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terrifying

neighbour

A STALKER who terrified his

neighbour, sending her obscene notes, bombarding her with presents, cutting her telephone line and handcuff-

ing himself to a tree in her

garden, was jailed for nine months yesterday.

Douglas Pickering, a 39-

year-old car salesman from

Waterside, Strathclyde, devel-

oped an obsession with Louise

Durie, 42, a hairdresser, in

September, Kilmarnock Sher-

iff Court was told. Mrs Durie

said she leared for her life and

at one point locked herself in

her bedroom armed with a

She said Pickering had re-

peatedly telephoned her at work and at home and loitered

outside the salon in Irvine

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jailed Pickering for breaching the peace and breaking bail conditions imposed at earlier hearings, when he had deferred sentence for good behaviour.

The sentence was backdated to April 22 and Mrs Durie said later that she was terrified that her tormentor could be free hy September. She said it was a second blow after the Government's decision not to extend new anti-stalking laws to Scotland, where the offence is covered by the breach of the peace charge.

'She did not want to move out and murder seemed the ultimate solution' Thornton 'killed violent husband resorm to keep the house' to keep the house'

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SARA THORNTON was portrayed yesterday as a patho-logical liar and compulsive attention-seeker who murof state and took dered her violent and alcoholic husband for financial gain.

tellow gover h Thornton, 41, denied at Oxford Crown Court murdering her husband of ten months, Malcolm Thornton, at a retrial ordered by the Court of Appeal. Brian Cox, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury that wherever the marriage of the two heavy drinkers, both divorced, was made, it was not Heaven. The tragedy is that the two people genuinely fell deeply in love."

advantage police to that spiral in those for state of firetenial and many to the spiral in the spira He said that in addition to being a heavy drinker Thornton, of Atherstone, Warwickshire, possessed a further trait which contributed another degree to the "dangerous cock-tail" of their turbulent relationship. "She seems to have been a permanent or semi-permanent attentionseeker, shocking people by what she said and what she did, how she dressed and how she undressed and how she behaved towards men.

> "Another aspect of her personality is that she told people what she wanted them to hear regardless of reality. A cruel way of putting it is that she is a pathological liar." As she listened to the evidence against her, Thornton sobbed uncontrollably. The trial was adjourned for ten minutes to

> allow her to compose herself. Mr Cox said the killing was prompted by financial considerations. "She had a fixation that if she left Malcolm before they had been married a year she would lose her interest in



Malcolm Thornton was stabbed in the chest

ution." Malcolm Thornton was stabbed at midnight on June 13, 1989, as he lay in a drunken stupor on a sofa at home. "The knife was sharp and large and well-pointed and went about six inches into his body just below the rib cage, almost through to his back," Mr Cox said.

He said that Mr Thornton. who had left the police force with an exemplary record. was a heavier drinker than his wife and had turned to alcohol after the breakdown of his first marriage, "Regrettably, alcohol plays a substantial part in this case." he said.

Because of drink, Mr Thornton lost his driving licence and Sara Thornton was sacked from her job in tele-phone sales after empty cider flagons were found in her desk. Mr Cox said the murder took place after violent rows there was a disgraceful scene after Mr Thornton, who was a security officer with TNT. spent the whole day drinking

at a company open day.
Two friends took him home and his wife came to the door where Mr Thornton hit her in face, knocking her over. Mr Thornton, he said, was "close to the bottom of the well" and after another dreadful incident spent time in a London clinic and joined Alcoholics Anonymous. His conversion was short-

lived and by Christmas 1988 his wife suspected he had started drinking again. He lost his job when he lost his driving licence and the couple remortgaged their property to open a shop. In May Mr Thornton spent most of the day drinking at a family barbecue and punched his wife in the face. He was charged with assault.

After this, he gave up drinking and the atmosphere in the house changed completely. with the family playing board games to avoid going to the pub. Mr Cox suggested Mr Thornton had changed because he wanted his wife to drop the assault charge. Three days before the mur-

der, Mr Cox said, Sara Thornton attended a function in Coventry, leaving her daughter Louisa, eight, with her husband because she considered he was free of his alcoholism. When she telephoned home from a hotel, she be-lieved he had been drinking and arranged a taxi to take her daughter to a friend's house. In the hotel, it was alleged, she told a friend she would be free of her husband only if she killed him. The following day



threatened him with a knife and he threatened her with a guitar.

Later, as he lay in the bath, she fed him chicken laced with six Mogadon tablets, saying she wanted to make him ill so he would be admitted to hospital. But, Mr Cox said, Mr Thornton was obviously as strong as an ox because. when an ambulance called by his wife arrived, he was up and about and the ambulance

Mr Cox said Thornton had been provocatively dressed

your father."

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Mr Thornton was lying in a and had gone upstairs to change before going downdrunken stupor when his wife returned from the pub with stairs. He said she maintained Martin, her stepson. Mr Cox she had taken the knife said that as he lay helpless on because she could not find his the couch she had gone into police truncheon. the kitchen, grabbed the knife

As he lay on the couch. Mr Cox said, he called his wife a whore and accused her of selling her body. Mr Cox said it was Thornton's case that there were more insults from him and she dropped the knife, not intending to hurt him, let alone kill him. She brought it down expecting him

to brush it aside. But the knife went into him accidentally and that has always been her case. It was, she claims, simply an accident. The prosecution has a very

different view. It was not a frenzied attack, just one single injury. And of the choice from the top of his head to the tip of his toes, where? That speaks for itself." He rejected her defence, which he said was based on provocation and diminished responsibility. The trial continues.

the house. This is why she between the couple and after would not move out. Killing police had been called six or she had a furious row with her seven times to their home. On On the night he was killed, Police want to interview former

fiancé in freezer baby inquiry

By Gillian Bowditch, Carol Midgley and Lin Jenkins

POLICE were yesterday waiting to speak to the former boyfriend of a millionaire's daughter after the body of a newborn baby was found in her freezer.

Joseph Ernst, an architecture student at Edinburgh University, was on holiday in Spain, apparently unaware of the incident or that Emma Gifford, 20, is in hospital receiving psychiatric care.

Mr Ernst, a third-year student on placement in Lisbon, moved abroad in March after the couple's relationship end-ed. The baby boy, which was in a carrier bag when it was found at Miss Gifford's west London flat by her brother Kris, was born on April 5 but died two hours later through

Police said yesterday that they wished to speak to every-one connected with the incident" but it is understood initial tests have suggested there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death. A post-mortem examination was inconclusive and police are awaiting the results of further tests. Miss Gifford is not fit to be interviewed.



The home of Michael Gifford, right, who yesterday refused to comment

Her father Michael, who re-tired last month as chief executive of the Rank Organisation, refused to comment yesterday at his home in Little Chart Kent

As he walked on the village green with his third wife Nancy, he said there would be no family statement: "Absolutely not. Not now, not ever." His second wife Asa, mother to Emma and Kris, who lives in a £450,000 farmhouse next door, also declined to comment, although some residents of the village said they Miss Gifford, who enrolled

as a student at Edinburgh in 1993 but dropped out the next year, has recently been working in retailing and living in the £140,000 basement flat in Onslow Gardens, south Kensington, bought for her by her

She had a long-term relationship with Mr Ernst, whom she met during her studies, but was said to have "taken it in her stride" when the relationship ended amicably in Students described Miss

Gifford and Mr Ernst as simply an ordinary couple in love". Miss Gifford kept her

pregnancy a secret and flatmates of Mr Ernst in Edinburgh said they were shocked to hear about the tragedy. David Burnett, 20, an agricultural economics student, said: 'He seemed very nice. I didn't know him well. He stayed here for a few months and he was out a lot."
Miss Gifford telephoned often but visited infrequently.

Mr Gifford, 60, was chief executive of the E3 billion Rank Organisation for 12 years. His annual salary was about £400,000 and he had share options that earned him an extra £428,000 in 1994.

Simpson smiles through TV storm

By Peter Barnard AND KATE ALDERSON

■ A FOREIGNER famous for his footballing exploits who came to Manchester last night had arrived a day late if he was looking for adoring crowds. That was Sunday and that was Eric Cantona, back from Wembley with the FA Cup. Last night it was O.J. Simpson, who is from a whole different ball game. Manchester remained calm.

Simpson flew in by private jet to be interviewed by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan, the husband-andwife team promoted from daytime television to peak time on ITV. They did their damndest, but a man who has survived a year-long trial is unlikely to offer anything sensational in a brief tele-

vision interview. The former American football running back and sometime film actor, acquitted last October of murdering his former wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron-



A relaxed O.J. Simpson arrives at the Granada studios yesterday for his 17-minute interview

ald Goldman, solved one after 17 minutes of the intermystery outside the headquarters of Granada Television: why had he agreed to come? "I was invited. I was curious. I was doing nothing."

Simpson added: "I am hoping that we don't even talk about the case, but I know we will." As ever, expectation proved more reliable than hope, but there were to be no revelations. Indeed the most amazing moment occurred view, when Simpson looked aghast, or possibly relieved,

as Finnigan announced:
"That's all we've got time for."
Simpson had been paid a
"nominal fee" of £1 by Granada. Madeley and Finnigan had started with all guns firing, as if to prove that former doyens of the daytime agenda could handle this

grown-up stuff. They interrupted long re-

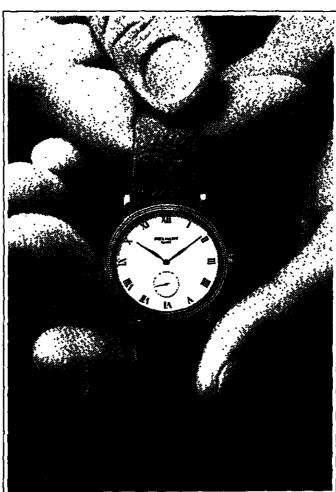
plies with subsidiary ques-tions, but that only produced even longer replies. Why did so many people not believe him innocent? I don't blame them," Simpson said. "The [media] reports were so inac-curate, so skewed to the

Why, when he knew he was to be arrested, did he take the famous televised drive in the white Bronco, complete with passport and \$10,000? He wanted to visit his mother's grave. He always carries his passport. There was no \$10,000. "I was suffering despair, I just wanted the pain to

It went on, a partial rerun of the trial. Simpson's blood at the murder scene? "I am very suspect as to whose blood that was." And so on.

Simpson maintained throughout the look of a man who has been this way before and expects to come this way again. The smile is an allweather item, by now impervious to storm. Even in

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Popular programmes rescheduled as terrestrial channels challenge Sky's rise

Screening of the two-week event will start at 7am and

last until the early hours. In

In addition, the BBC will be

screening the six Test Matches, Royal Ascot, Wimbledon,

and the Formula One champ-

ionship. ITV will be showing

The Golden Four athletics

meetings, in which many of

the Olympic stars will be

Although all these leading

News and soaps to be elbowed aside by sport

By JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDED

delayed as the two terrestrial NEWS, current affairs and channels will screen more soap operas will be reschedthan 100 hours of the uled this summer as the BBC and ITV screen more than A BBC spokesman said yesterday: We do have an 1,000 hours of sports events

such as Euro 96. Wimbledon alternative schedule for viewand the Olympic Games. ers who are not necessarily The fight back by the terressports fans. People will still be able to see their favourite trial channels against Sky's growing share of domestic programmes such as Eastsports coverage will mean that many popular pro-grammes will be delayed to The BBC is spending a record £125 million of licencesatisfy the millions of fans

payers' money this year to eager to watch the principal restore its damaged reputinternational events at peak ation as Britain's Number The European Football One sports channel, after losing the terrestrial rights of the FA Cup to ITV from 1998 Championship will force the BBC to hold up EastEnders and the Nine o'Clock News on and the Formula One championship, also to ITV, from next at least seven evenings during the three-week tournament. The Bill on ITV will also be

of BBC TV Sport, said: "Additional funding has been available from within the BBC to secure contracts that we have recently signed." This in-cludes the Open Golf championship for the next five years, the Olympic Games until 2008 and the 1998 Common-

wealth Games. Will Wyatt, managing di-rector of BBC TV, added: "We have shifted extra money from the savings we have made. Additional funds will be available in future. However, we always ask our-

events are being shown live on terrestrial television, Mr Wyatt emphasised that the selves: is this is good value?" In July, the BBC will spend more than £20 million and British Broadcasting Corposend a staff of almost 250 ration was "in a quite different business" from either paypeople to Atlanta to cover more than 300 hours of the per-view or subscription

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Sky, which shows more than 60 Premiership matches live each season plus all England's friendly football internationals and is now bidding for the Five Nations Rugby Union championship, will still be screening a number of other top sports events this

These include: the US Open golf championship in June and the US PGA championship in August; the US Open tennis championships in August: the first summer of the Super League" in Rugby League: the one-day international cricket marches against

Pakistan and India; the Wales

and Scotland Rugby Union tours of Australasia: and a number of premier boxing

in which News International, owner of The Times, has a 40 per cent stake, said: "There are lots of sports fans who are interested in events which are

television. Sky's program-ming is about providing

"With three sports channels, we will still be providing more live sport than any other channel this summer."



Windows 95

Still waiting for something better

than Windows 95?

Here's something to read while you wait.



There's no hurry to buy.

it's sure to be followed by a newer, shinier version. Windows 2000 has a kind of ring to it. There are bound to be a few little refinements

they want to make.

Let them get their act together.

That's strange. A lot of my business friends seem to have it already. Ah well. Fools rush in.

They say the new operating system is easier, more intuitive.

They say it recognises new software really easily. And hardware too. Plug and play, as they say.

They don't know how they lived without it.

They're so impressed with this 32-bit technology, it's clouded their judgement.

Mugs! Corporate lackeys! I'm positive there's something better round the corner. I've read

"98% of those using Windows 95 in organisations say they're satisfied?"

science fiction books.

There are going to be computers connected to televisions that

communicate via telepathy.

So I can't see the point of diving in.

OK. So there are better internet abilities and better switching between applications.

Bound to go wrong.

They've got 20 million users already, apparently. But all software comes with a few problems.

OK. So they tested it thoroughly. A million testers, they reckon. The biggest pre-test ever, Ironed out all the problems beforehand. My foot.

Must say, my business friends are doing very well at the moment. Productivity pay-rises and the like.

What was it they said? "Over three years, Windows 95 will save them £1000" in management costs for every PC they run?" But you wait. I'll have the last laugh.

Now they're offering a 30 day money back guarantee. What a

You buy Windows 95 and if you're not completely satisfied, they'll give you your money back*

You know what will happen. Day 31, all the problems start.

Yes, I know what the Wall Street Journal said.

*After 6 months Windows 95 has proved itself a solid and reliable

But what does Wall Street know? Where is Wall Street? And PC Magazine, that most respected and impartial of journals, says "When it comes to comparisons Windows 95 is in a class of

I'll reserve judgement if it's all the same, thank you.

Do me a favour.

You know, this daytime television's not so bad.

I certainly won't be calling for more information on 0345 00 2000? extension 191. But you might.



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Rival football managers Alex Ferguson, left, and Kevin Keegan are to appear in a poster campaign

Soap stars called in to promote ITV

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

ITV is launching a multimillion-pound television campaign this week in an attempt

slide in its ratings. The broadcaster, which is keen to pre-empt competition from the new Channel 5 next year, has also hired the feuding football managers. Alex Ferguson of Manchester United and Kevin Keegan of Newcastle United, to spearhead a new £5 million poster campaign: The football rivals will be seen on 2,000 posters across Britain above the slogan "United for the Cup" to advertise ITV's coverage of the Eurpean Football

Championship. The television advertising campaign features stars of ITV promoting unlikely shows on the channel. Jack and Vera Duckworth of Coronation Street are featured promoting the high-brow arts programme The South Bank Show, News at Ten's anchorman Trevor MacDonald reveals himself as a fan of Cilla Black's Blind Date: while Wolf and Hunter, stars of Gladiators, are featured debating merits of contemporary and classical drama. The

per cent decline in ITV's peaktime audience share in 1995 peak-time share declined by rose by 0.4 per cent.

Advertisers are also displaying a growing disillusionment with ITV's performance. According to a survey published by Media Audits, the advertising consultancy. last week, slightly more than a quarter of advertisers have cut their 1996 spending with ITV as a result of poor audience. share in 1995.

Steve Morrisson, chairman of the ITV marketing group and managing director of London Weekend Television, said that the campaign was aimed at boosting viewer awareness of the channel and denied it was a defensive

The truth is that ITV is Britain's most popular channel and as channels multiply and audiences splinter, ITV will become even more impormedium which can regularly reach more than one third of the entire UK population in campaign comes after a 2.1 one hit." he said.

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Father threatens to sue after son is barred from class

A FATHER is to sue an education authority for failing to provide his son with proper schooling after a teachers' union barred his son from attending classes because of

Peter Cram decided to sue when teachers at Hebburn Comprehensive, South Tyneside, refused to allow his son Graham, 12, into lessons when he returned yesterday after a ten-month suspension. Mr Cram, 39, an unemployed shipyard worker, arrived at school with his son shortly before 9am. He had a letter from education officials stating that, as a result of an appeal over his son's expulsion last July, he would be readmitted to normal lessons.

Teaching staff who are members of the National Union of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers had already said they would strike rather than teach the boy, who was excluded after allegedly kicking and punching a member of staff.

As Mr Cram took his son through the school gates they were met by Madelaine Watson, the head teacher, who told them that Graham could

HEBBURN

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COMPREHENSIVE

Teachers at Hebburn voted in January to take action



Watson: told Graham he could not join class

not attend classes. The boy spent the day receiving tuition on his own from Mrs Watson and a supply teacher brought in specially by South Tyneside Education Authority.

Afterwards Mr Cram said: "At the moment I am prepared to accept segregated teaching on a one-to-one basis as Graham has been away since last summer. But eventually i want to see him reintegrated totally into school life. He misses being with his friends and feels left out, he is not getting the proper education

passed last January. He said the boy could spend the rest of his academic career at the school being taught separately. The alternative was for him to go to another school where he could start with a clean sheet or to a special school where staff were trained to deal with unruly Graham, an apparently shy

boy not much taller than 4ft. said: "I feel very upset about not being allowed back because I wanted to get on with my education. The teach-

is in the hands of our lawyers.

Nigel de Gruchy, general

secretary of the union, which

represents 80 per cent of the

school's 52 teaching stuff, said

as far as they were concerned

the boy would not be taught by

members of his union. He

Birmingham two years ago

when the parents of an ex-

pelled child took court action.

A precedent has been estab-

lished that a pupil can be readmitted and delegated to a

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ally isolated to protect the

education and safety of teach-

London to lead talks with the

school's governors and the

education authority. After-wards he said officials had

accepted his members' right

not to teach the lwy but added:

"If they put pressure on we

have a mandate to take action.

including a strike." A fresh

ballot would be completed by

the end of the month to

reinforce a vote for action

Mr de Gruehy flew from

ers and pupils."

we will be guided by them."



Graham Cram with his father Peter. "I want to see him reintegrated totally into school life," Mr Cram said

ers won't let me in because they don't like violent pupils. but I am not violent."

He spent most of his day in the head teacher's office and in the school library doing mathematics and geography and working on a computer. He said: "I was glad to be back but I wanted to be with my friends in class. I don't like one-to-one teaching."

David Lamb, Mr Cram's

lawyer, said: "If the teachers are not prepared to allow Graham to reintegrate eventually then we will most certainly take court action. If they are prepared to take stock of the tuation as time goes by and perhaps let bygones be bygones, then we are prepared to let matters ride for the moment. He cannot go through the rest of his school career being taught in isolation."

Family challenges reprieve for pair in playground shooting

By A Staff Reporter

A FATHER whose 11-year-old son was shot in the head with an air gun "for a laugh" went to the High Court yesterday to challenge a refusal of education chiefs to expel two pupils involved in the incident.

Mr Justice Tucker was told that H. who cannot be named for legal reasons, was now too frightened to go back to the school in Camden, north London, because the boys had been allowed to return. The "emotionally vulnerable" child feared they would "get him back" for reporting the

playground shooting in which he lost consciousness for 10 seconds. Rabinder Singh, for the family, said.

He accused the school governors and Camden council, the local education authority, of failing to carry out a proper balancing exercise when they decided that both pupils should not be permanently excluded, in spite of the effect that decision would have on H and the disruption it would

cause to his education. Mr Singh said that permanent exclusion, instead of the 12-day suspensions the boys received, was fully justified by the facts and Education Department guidelines in what the governors themselves had recognised as an extremely serious case. He said H's father would start criminal proceedings if there were no expulsions.

Sarah Forster, for the governors and the education authority, said that both of her clients were entitled to go against the "strong recommendation" of the head teacher that the two involved in the shooting should be expelled

Mr Justice Tucker is to give

Briton on holiday is raped and murdered

By A STAFF REPORTER

A BRITISH holidaymaker has been murdered in the Philippines. Linda Dockins's naked body was found in the bed of a dried-up creek on Sunday near the holiday cottage in which she was staying on Mindoro island. She had been raped and beaten round the head with a heavy object.

Ms Dockins, 35, from Windsor, had been travelling in the Philippines on her own. Last month she had sought help from the British Embassy Police in Puerto Galera were

after being mugged in Manila. yesterday trying to piece together her last movements. Superintendent Eduardo Sebastian, the chief of police, said she had arrived in Puerto Galera, a popular resort 75 miles south of Manila, on Thursday to visit a Filipina friend, Erlinda Manalo.

A spokesman for the British Embassy said: "It was reported to us on Sunday by local police. Unfortunately, there were only a few documents in her room. There was no passport but we managed to get her name from the cottage registration."

A spokesman for the Foreign Office said Ms Dockins's family had been informed of her murder. No decision had been made about bringing her

body home. ☐ A Swiss man was murdered at the weekend in the northern Philippines town of Bani, where he and his wife owned a business. Police were looking for Villamor Vallan, the suspected lover of Walter Bredschneider's Filipina wife.

Police said that Mr Bredschneider, 64, was shot and killed on Saturday night in his back yard in the farming town 130 miles northwest of

Wrong plane brings Bader Spitfire hunters down to earth

MILITARY history enthusiasts who claimed last week that they had recovered the remains of Sir Douglas Bader's wartime Spitfire from a field in northern France admitted last night that they had

Two days work by a British team, acting on months of research, overwhelming circumstantial evidence and eye-witness recollections

the engine and the mangled aluminium fragments of a Spitfire. They were convinced that it was the machine from which Sir Douglas baled out by parachute during a massive dogfight with

Luftwaffe in August 1941. vinced that it is not. What they have unearthed appears to be a Mark 9 Spitfire, whereas Bader's machine failure, the team is already examining fresh evidence at the site of the flying ace's final crash and may soon start digging another hole in the hope of better luck.

Malvern Spitfire Team and a mud and severely corroded. The police constable with the West ionce, said vestenday that excavating the wrong aircraft had been disappointing. But we have raised the finance to try again and was a Mark 5A. Undaunted by are examining new evidence: obvi-

ously the memories of French peasants who led us to the wrong site have faded over 55 years." The Spitfire's remains were ex-

tracted from 15 feet of clay beneath Dilip Sarkar, chairman of the a sugar beet field, encrusted with Rolls-Royce Merlin engine block fied it as Bader's, but they did not. making it a Mark 9. Bader's aircraft would have had three on each side. Diggers were initially encouraged by a maker's identifica-

tion plate, which indicated that the Spitfire had been built in Southampton, an important piece of corroborative evidence. What they watned to find was a plate showing the aircraft's serial number W3185. which would have positively identi-

are. meanwhile, no nearer finding the identity of a Spitfire pilot whose remains were recovered with his machine from a bog near Bruges in Belgium three weeks ago. The aircraft was recovered by two Belgian amateur war historians. who were surprised to find the pilot's remains in the cockpit. The historians called in the British Embassy and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Investigators have been by unusual features, including a parachute with no details of its owner's identity and a cigarette lighter with the initials U L.

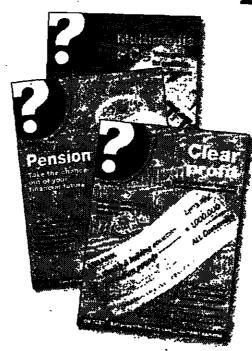
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☐ The expenses of National Lottery retailers, including the cost and servicing of terminals, point-of-sale material and marketing, are paid by Camelot, not by retailers themselves (report, April 24). ☐ The proprietary cat food Whiskas (report, May 2) continues to hold its position as



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Lawyers demand to see Lyell over 'crisis in courts'

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LAWYERS in the Crown Prosecution Service are seeking an urgent meeting with the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General about what they claim is "day-to-day crisis

management" in the courts. There is widespread concern that spending cuts are preventing prosecutors from carrying out the essential task of reviewing cases before they come to court, leading to mistakes and unnecessary

adjournments. The move to involve Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, and the Solicitor-General, Sir Derek Spencer, QC, who have ultimate responsibility for the CPS, is an indication of the depth of feeling.

Criticism has come from the First Division Association. which represents most of the 2,000 lawyers in the CPS, and from barristers in private practice who undertake Crown Court cases for the service. The CPS has been ordered to cut its budget by E9 million in 1996-97, to E288

Kevin Goodwin, of the First Division Association, said CPS staff wanted the law officers to hear their "grave concerns" about their inability to "carry out professional obligations and serve the interests

He said that lawyers who

ing a support scheme for solicitors with drink problems. The £70,000 project will offer counselling and a heipline. The society said lawyers with drink problems were more likely to have money troubles. They are also more likely to go before the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal or to be the subject of negligence claims. The Solicitors' Indemnity Fund is contribut-ing £20,000, which it hopes to recoup through a drop in negligence claims.

left were often not replaced and the use of outside lawyers had been cut. Only 10 per cent of cases of CPS work are now undertaken by lawyers in private practice.

The result is that CPS lawyers who remain have to be in court almost continuously, and cannot fulfil their statutory and core function of reviewing cases to see which should proceed," Mr Goodwin said. "We have expressed all our concerns to management. Morale and motivation have never been lower."

Mr Goodwin is also seeking meetings with the Bar and Law Society and is balloting national day of protest.

pressed by a lawyer who until

said mistakes were being made and hearings were being unnecessarily adjourned because lawyers had inadequate time for preparation. "Staff feel they don't have time to review the cases, which is their fundamental task.

The CPS is overcentralised with a needlessly large central bureaucracy and very tight control from the centre, which leaves the local branches with little power."

David Jeremy, a barrister

who chiefly prosecutes Crown Court cases for the CPS in London, said: "We now have a position where the CPS is sometimes not even in court one CPS lawyer is trying to cover, say, three courts and running from one to another. "Judges are invariably criticising the CPS in court because things have gone wrong. The trouble is, at

present, they are in the business of concealing what is going on ... they take decisions on the need to cover their inadequacies rather than making the right decision in any particular case." A CPS spokesman denied that lawyers had no time for case reviews. "The system of team-working means work is

spread among several people, it is not all down to one person. Law, pages 37, 39



Karen Matheson, right, the lead singer of Capercaillie, who will be performing a Breton song for France

France embraces the Celtic fringe and chooses a Scot for its Eurovision entry

By ALEXANDRA FREAN

FRANCE has departed from its usual cultural chauvinism by choosing a Scottish woman for its entry in the **Eurovision Song Contest this**

Indeed, nationalism will be at a premium for this year's competition, to be held in Oslo on Saturday. Britain's Eurovision entry, Ooh Aah Just a Little Bit, is to be sung by the Australian starlet Gina G: Austria's song, 'Cause You Feel Good, is a gospel number; and Iceland's entry. Shoobedoo, is based on American music of the Forties and Fifties.

The song that Argyll-born

Karen Matheson will be singa minority culture."

Considering France's tradiing is not even in French but in Breton, a language that

shares Celtic roots with Welsh and Cornish. What is more, Ms Matheson, who is currently touring England with her band Capercaillie. will be accompanied by the Welsh singer Elaine Morgan. an Irish piper and a Scottish keyboard player, all under the direction of an Irish

Ms Matheson said she was surprised to be approached by the French two months ago to represent them in the contest, now in its forty-first year, but she was immensely pleased to be able to put forward a Celtic song. "It is a hugely political statement for

tional cultural protectiveness, embodied recently in a government decree requiring that a minimum of 40 per cent of the music on radio should be French, the decision to choose Ms Matheson seems rather bizarre.

The French authorities have only recently agreed to give funding to Breton-language schools and for decades practically ignored Breton culture altogether. Ms Matheson's song, Diwanit Bugale, which translates as May the Children Be Born, was written by the guitarist Dan Ar Bras 20 years ago in

THE Royal Navy's Polaris

submarines bade farewell

yesterday after 229 patrols in

The last patrol of the four-

hoat Resolution-class fleet was

by HMS Repulse. She will

now be decommissioned and tied up alongside the other

three, which have already

The end of an era for the

Polaris "black bomber" sub-

marines was officially an-

nounced by Admiral Sir Jock

Slater, the First Sea Lord, who

went on board Renulse after

she entered the Clyde on her

Faslane, having finished her patrol in the Atlantic.

Repulse could have re-

mained in service for longer.

sharing the nuclear deterrent

patrols with the two new

Tridents now in service. How-

ever, navy sources said she

would have needed an expen-

sive refit and it was decided

that two Tridents could main-

been taken out of service.

28 years of service.

praise of minority cultures. French public service broadcaster France 2 said that Ms Matheson had been chosen to show that France was becoming more European.

it was to demonstrate our belief in the true melting pot of European culture. The fact that the song is sung in Breton is part of the same

idea." she said. The French Ministry of Culture was quick to distance itself, however. "I thought the French entrant was French. from Brittany. Anyway, it is nothing to do with us." a

tain the round-the-clock pa-

trols over the next two years.

The two Vanguard-class Tri-

dent submarines, Vanguard

and Victorious, have complet-

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Renown, was decommissioned

earlier than planned because of technical defects. There

were reports that she devel-

oped cracks in pipes leading

The navy's confidence that Polaris boats have never been

detected is based on a rigorous

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amine the records of the boats'

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The full four-boat Trident

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The penultimate Polaris

Polaris bows out

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By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

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By NIGEL HAWKES

PASSIVE smoking does not cause lung cancer, an interna-tional team of scientists has concluded. The team, led by a British specialist. Professor Jeffrey Idle, says that the evidence is insufficient to show that working or living next to a smoker increases the dangers of lung cancer.

The conclusion contradicts that reached by the US Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 and is bound to be controversial because the money for the study came from three tobacco companies.

Yesterday Professor Idle, until recently at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and now at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim, said that the sponsorship did not affect the conclusions.

"I was prepared to do this only if there was no interference from sponsors," he said. "We agreed that we would publish the results whatever they showed.

The team examined a range of studies by other scientists, some of which have shown a link between environmental tobacco smoke - the smoke that drifts around a room when smokers are present -

and some of which do not. Added together, they say, and corrected for well-known sources of bias, these studies show no statistically signifi-cant increased risk of lung cancer from passive smoking. These results are different from earlier studies, says the group's statistician. Dr Anthony Springhall, because all sources of bias were taken into account. Results can easily be confounded by factors such as diet - smokers and their spouses tend to eat less health-

by misleading information. The group did not examine other possible effects of second-hand smoke, including allergies and heart disease. These are undoubtedly important, but to examine them you would need a different panel," Professor Idle said.

ily than non-smokers - and

The anti-smoking group Ash said that it was suspicious of the findings, given that the group was "not independent". A spokeswoman said: "There have been a number of independent international commitpassive smoking is a public health hazard and have specifically linked it to lung cancer."

A committee under Sir Peter Froggat, of Queen's Univer-Belfast, examined the issue in 1988, and concluded that several hundred people a year in Britain were dying of lung cancer from passive smoking, she added.



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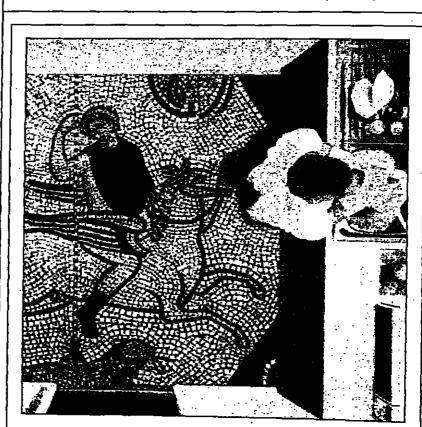
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Catholic Church divided over likely candidates to succeed Worlock in 'hot seat' northern diocese

Rome urged to name new Archbishop of Liverpool

LEADERS of the Roman cult to follow. Liverpool is Catholic Church in Britain have called on the Vatican to announce a successor to the late Archbishop of Liverpool quickly to end the speculation they believe is causing damaging rifts within the Church.

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A process that would normally take six to eight months has dragged on for more than a year and led to a clash between modernists and traditionalists. Conservatives have written to Rome complaining about the allegedly liberal views of some of those thought

to be likely candidates. Church leaders are also desperate for a successor to Derek Worlock to restore leadership to England's second most important diocese. They want to dampen speculation that one priest rejected the job because Liverpool is too much

of a hot seat. Mgr Kieran Conry, director of the Catholic Media Office, who has been named by some as a possible contender, said: The suspicion is growing that someone turned it down. Archbishop Worlock is difficonsidered such an enormous responsibility. Liverpool and Westminster are the hot seats of the Church.

There might also have been questions about the theological ability or orthodoxy of one of the names, increasingly, people are writing directly to Rome complaining about aspects of the Church."

The conservatives found a voice in the author Alice Thomas Ellis, who wrote a vehement criticism of Archbishop Worlock in her last column in the Catholic Her-ald. She said: The last thing in the world faithful Liverpudlian Catholics want is another progressive in that position."

While the conspiracy theorists have been having a field day, the cause of the delay could simply be bureaucratic. Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, has hinted that he "would not mind* stepping down: by law he must offer his retirement to the Pope when he is 75 in two years. This means that the Pope, in appointing a succes-



Patrick Kelly, 57, Bishop of Sal-ford since 1984. Attended English College, Rome. Well-known theologian, and conservatives' favourite. Former rector of Oscott college seminary in Birmingham. Born Lancashire and at home in the North. In Salford has introduced radical programme of confirmation, postponing it to teens rather than late primary school age so girls and boys are better equipped to make a decision about faith. Bubbly personality, approachable, down to earth, with lively mind and character. Accessible to media. Wits have suggested he does not want to become an archbishop because he does not want to be known as "His Grace

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sor to Liverpool, must bear in

Christina Odone, former

editor of the Catholic Herald,

said: "There is one man who is

head and shoulders above the

rest, and that is Bishop Vin-

cent Nichols of north London.

But to put him at the helm of

Liverpool would close the door

to him as Cardinal Hume's

mind the man he wants at

David Konstant, 65, Bishop of Leeds since 1985. Previously an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Studied mathematics for four years at Christ's College, Cambridge. Became priest in diocese of Westminster 1954. Taught maths and religion at Cardinal Vaughan School, Kensington. Worked on the drafting committee for the new catechism of the Catholic Church. Prepossessing figure; can some-times appear a little distant but has sharp mind. Excellent pianist. Chairman of Catholic Education Service, helped to launch the Catholic Church on the Internet in February. Made a Freeman of City of London in 1984. Prolific author on religious education and

musical chairs

If Bishop Nichols were to go

to Liverpool, the Pope could

resolve that difficulty by ask-

ing Cardinal Hume to stay on

The names of three candi-

dates for Liverpool were pre-

sented to the Congregation for

Bishops in Rome in November

by the Pope's representative in

London, Archbishop Luigi

into the next millennium.

Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, 63, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton since 1977. Born in England, despite Irish lilt. Trained at English College, Rome, and served as rector there. Was secretary to Derek Worlock while he was Bishop of Porstmouth in 1960s. Chairman of Committee for Christian Unity since 1983, which makes him a strong contender in ecumenical light. Considered affable and charming. Respected and liked throughout the Church, known for pastoral expertise. As the co-chairman of Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, has helped to write many treatises exploring areas of similarity and difference between

Barbarito. The congregation is

thought to have taken note of

written protests to Rome about

the direction the Catholic

Church, and specifically the

Liverpool diocese, has taken in

More information is under-

stood to have been demanded

on at least one of the three

candidates, and a second

round of consultations took

place earlier in the spring. A

recent years.

decision is expected soon.

Nuncio sends his final report

with three names to Rome,

they all have to be good

candidates. If one is an also

ran, Rome will just send it

back. It is possible that they

regarded one of the candidates

as less strong, and wanted

either another candidate or

Other insiders believe that

more information.

Mgr Conry said: "When the

Crispian Hollis, 59, Bishop of Portsmouth since 1988. National Service in Somerset Light Infantry. Read modern history at Balliol College, Oxford. Trained for priesthood at English College, Rome. Ordained July 1965. Catholic chap-lain at Oxford University from 1967. In 1977 became Catholic assistant to the head of religious broadcasting at the BBC. Ordained bishop in 1987. Closely connected, with religious broadcasting throughout ministry. Confident and relaxed manner, tolerant, urbane and welcoming. His recent letter to all Catholics in the Channel Islands urging them to oppose attempts to legalise abortion was an indication of his theological

the Pope, who was a close

friend of Archbishop Worlock,

was distressed by his death

through cancer earlier this

year and has deliberately

waited to announce his succes-

sor to allow a period of

Mgr Conry dismissed spec-

ulation that Rome is trying to

impose a candidate "to bring

the English bishops back into

line", as has happened in

mourning.

Liverpool-born, part of "Crosby mafia", prominent group o priests born and educated in that area. Trained at English College, Rome, and in Chicago. People's favourite and a protégé of Arch-bishop Worlock, whom he worked contributor to Thought for the Day. Represented bishops at the will assume it is because he is being reserved to replace Cardinal Basil Hume at Westminster.

and Holland.

countries such as Switzerland

do that. I don't think there is

any suggestion here that the

Church has stepped out of

line. Cardinal Hume has a

strong reputation in Rome. He

was appointed the facilitator

of the last synod. He wouldn't

have been if there was concern

about the state of Church in

He said: "I see no reason to

Vincent Nichols, 50, an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster since 1992. with closely. Former parish priest in Toxieth. Former general secre-tary of Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Regular last synod in Rome on the reli-gious life. Fluent in Italian. If not appointed to Liverpool, everyone

Oiled seabirds die 10 days after rescuers free them

BY NICK NUTTALL

CLEANING oiled seabirds is a waste of time and money. Most die within ten days of being released into the wild, a survey has found.

The study into the survival rate of seaburds after tanker disasters shows that the life expectancy of a cleaned guillemot is only a matter of days. The results, published in the

journal Ibis, are likely to add to controversy over whether the cleaning of seabirds in the wake of the Sea Empress disaster off southwest Wales was misguided or a publicity stunt by charities.

The findings are based on 2,000 seabirds, ringed after rescue and cleaning from pollution accidents in America.

Brian Sharp, an ornithologist from Oregon who did the survey, has found that the life expectancy of a released guillemot is under ten days compared with 18 months for an unaffected bird -- and that



An oiled scoter duck is brought in for cleaning

only between 10 and 20 per cent survive the trauma. The survey, based on government wildlife files, says

survival rates have not improved with modern cleaning methods. "The cost and effectiveness of rehabilitation efforts for oiled seabirds need to be examined in the light of the results, which show low post-release survival."

A spokesman for the RSPB said yesterday: "We have always suspected that survival

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rates were quite low and this first in-depth study confirms it. We don't get directly in-volved in the cleaning process and our emphasis is on trying to stop oil pollution happening in the first place."

Chris Mead, of the British Trust for Ornithology, said: These results confirm that the suffering of these birds is, in the vast majority of cases, to no avail. I can understand the desperate feelings of the rescuers that they should do something to help the birds but, realistically, it may be better for the birds to put them to sleep immediately.

But the RSPCA defended its oiled bird policy and rejected the American figures. John Rolls, a spokesman, said: "Most birds rescued by the RSPCA are ringed before release and we have examples of oiled birds surviving for up to ten years in the wild. Some birds have been returned to the RSPCA having been oiled for a second or third time."



saying that here in Quinua there are army collaborators. They seized the two boys from Sabina's house. The eldest boy looked up at me as they dragged him past, his eyes great pools of fear.

Age 54 The guerillas came last night

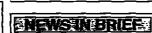
We have found the boys. The guerillas had cut out their tongues and gouged back to our village and bathed them and dressed them and buried them and wept for them.

Age 57 The colic has taken my husband. I feel empty and alone. The violence here gets worse every day. I know I must leave Quinua.

Age 58 Today I flee for Lima, I don't know what will happen to me.

Age 66 Woke up thinking about my village. It makes me very sad. So far away is my little house, my land, and I will never be able to see it again.

Today My first grandchild is born. We will give him all the love he needs. want him to have the education I missed, and the peace we craved, and the chance to make a good life. And I want him to be called Teófilio.



Man denies murdering French girl

The lorry driver accused of murdering Celine Figard was committed for trial at Wolverhampton Crown Court. Stuart Morgan. 36, of Poole, Dorset, is accused of killing the 19-year-old French student between 18 December and 30 December last year. Mr Morgan, who denied the charge, was committed for trial on October 2.

£2,2m for boy

Christopher Ingleby, 8, who is severely affected by cere-bral palsy after mistakes at his birth at Whittington Hospital, north London, is to receive £2,2 million medical negligence damages under a High Court settlement

Path stays put

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber has lost an attempt to divert a public footpath which runs through the courtyard of his country home. The path, shown on maps from 1759, takes walkers within 30 yards of the composer's home.

Ferry alert

Ferries went on alert after wreckage was seen between Dover and Calais. Coastguards said the D'Artagnan. which sank in April, may have floated up because of gases from fish rotting in her hold.

KAF pair safe

A student pilot and an instructor escaped with minor injuries after ejecting before their RAF training aircraft crashed yesterday morning near the village of Wetwang

Age 7 The crops have all dried up. Why won't it rain? Mama and papa are leaving the farm to work in the salt mines. I am hungry.

Age 14 I asked mama again why I cannot go to school and her answer is the same. "School is for boys". So my brothers go while I have to take the cattle to pasture. But if I don't learn anything, this is what I will always do, tend cows. I want to do more in my life than this.

Age 22 A terrible day, I am to marry Claudio Enriquez, a trader from our village. I flew into a rage at my father for permitting him my hand in marriage but he just looked down at the dust and said that for a poor girl with no education this is a good match and I must try to be a good wife.

Age 24 My beautiful boy is born. Teófilio. I am in pain but happy.

Age 30 I thought Teofilio was getting better because he had a quiet night. But his stillness struck a terror in me the moment i awoke and i rushed to where he lay on the floor. His lips had

DIARY OF A SURVIVOR

turned black. I lifted his limp, clammy body to me and caressed him, his hand, his forehead, his stomach. But little by little he lost his breathing. I have seen death in my family so many times but today I felt my own soul die with his. I don't want to go on.

Age 42 Such a beautiful dawn this morning. We worked the plot, me on the potatoes, silently, the children with their laughter on the avaso. It is hard work from dawn to dusk, but for the first time in four years the harvest will be good, so at least we can eat. We are content enough.

This diary is based on interviews with Agustina Guitiérrez Ramos, a displaced villager from Quinua, Peru. Her story of survival against the odds is typical of so many throughout the Third World.

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Carpet tycoon puts hard-up Tories on a sound footing

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

A CARPET tycoon who was by the Tories is being hailed as the man who has saved the

party from financial ruin. The key figure behind the reduction in the party's overdraft from £18 million to £2.5 million is Lord Harris of Peckham, one of the party's

Lord Harris, founder of the Harris Queensway carpet empire, helped to broker the deal last December to pay off a £600,000 debt to Saatchi & Saatchi, which had been outstanding since the 1992 gener-

The failure to pay the bill was a severe embarrassment to the Tory party, which was so hard up after the election it took out a second mortgage on its Smith Square headquarters. But Lord Harris, 53, struck a deal with the company and raised the money to

settle the debt. He is a substantial donor to the Tory party and was made a life peer by John Major last November. But it is his virtual

elimination of the party's deficit that has enabled a long-awaited fightback by Mr

Today Tory leaders will

launch the first in a series of nationwide poster and newspaper advertising campaigns saying that although govern-ment policies since 1992 have hurt they have worked. The campaign, which was outlined by Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, at the Chequers summit yesterday, will feature 1,000 poster sites

across the country.

The campaigns have been devised by Maurice Saatchi and Sir Tim Bell, the advertising gurus who masterminded Margaret Thatcher's first two general election triumphs. They created the memorable "Labour isn't working" slogan and are known at Conservative Central Office as the

dream team. The Tories ended their 16-year relationship with Saatchi & Saatchi when Maurice and his brother, Charles, acrimoniously left the com-

another firm, M&C Saatchi, and secured the Tory account, which remains one of the most prestigious in the advertising

The poster and newspaper advertisements, part of an Ell million pre-election campaign. will continue until polling day. Tory officials say that a similar amount will be spent on the final three weeks of campaiging.

Most of the money has been

guaranteed, rather than deposited in the bank, but it is known that Lord Harris has secured pledges which would enable the party at least to match the more than £20 million it spent in 1992. Central Office declined to discuss the finances but officials confirmed that Lord Harris had played a central role in restoring them.

Last night one senior Tory said: "Philip Harris is a financial genius. He is the only reason the overdraft has virtually gone and the main reason



Lord Harris, a "financial genius" who has transformed the Tory party's finances

"Enough money has come in to enable us to have a flurry of spending on advertising now. We will be back on the offensive in the summer. If the money has been pledged to Philip there is no doubt it will be coming our way. He could ensure that we could fight a general election now if we had

The success of Tony Blair in creating new Labour has helped Lord Harris and his

fellow treasurers, such as Lord Hambro, to restore the flow of funds from the business community to Conservative Central Office. The Tory official said: "The closer Tony Blair looks like getting to the of Downing Street gates the easier it is becoming to prise money from our old supporters. Labour still frightens the business community."

Harris Queensway was one of the retail success stories of

the 1980s until its profits crashed after the 1987 stock market collapse. But within months Lord Harris, then Sir Philip Harris, confounded the market when he bounced back with the launch of Carpetright. The company was an immediate success and was floated on the stock exchange in 1993.

Lord Harris was on holiday yesterday and unavailable for

Clarke and his shadow are in similar corners

enneth Clarke and Gordon Brown have more in common than either would admit publicly. Not only do they broadly agree on macro-economic strategy, if not on labour market and welfare measures, but they are in a similar political predicament. Both are under challenge within their parties. The attacks are linked to personal criticisms — in Mr Clarke's case over his strongly pro-European views and, in Mr Brown's, over his allegedly high-handed style of making policy. But at the root of the arguments lies an unwillingness of many of their critics to face up to disagreeable financial

All Mr Clarke was doing at the weekend was to highlight statistics, notably a rise in public borrowing over expected levels, which has been worrying financial markets for some weeks. This is largely a result of a shortfall in tax receipts which is still puzzling Treasury officials and can only be partly explained by a slowdown in the rate of growth. Mr Clarke was merely pointing to the obvious when he said tax cuts must depend on the state of the economy, spending commit-ments to hospitals, schools

and the police, and on moving towards a balanced budget. The protests by the Tory Right miss the point. The demand yesterday by Terry Dicks that Mr Clarke should be sacked because he is "out of touch with the party with regard to tax cuts is illinformed nonsense. Tax cuts cannot be conjured up out of nowhere. Mr Dicks suggests that John Redwood should be appointed with a mandate to cut spending and taxes. He seems unaware that Mr Redwood, in his All Souls rather than his populist mood, was last week distinctly cautious about the scope for tax cuts because of the fiscal deterioration.

Mr Clarke's warnings are not the result of some pro-European plot, mistakes by him or lack of will, as Bill Cash implies. There is no way taxes can be cut on a large scale this autumn without being financially irresponsible. It is arguable that the Treasury should be look-

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tax base by bringing more items within VAT, though that is hardly likely before an election. Reducing public borrowing is anyway a mainstream Tory aim, whether or not the Maastricht conditions existed, as Norman Lamont has accepted. There is obviously a longer-term debate over the size of the public sector which would put Mr Clarke on one side and Michael Portillo and Michael Forsyth on the other. But, in the short term, that is the next financial year, there is little scope to cut spending plans more than a couple of billion pounds at most, and that will probably require creative accountancy. The existing squeeze on spending is already very tight and, as Peter Lilley has shown, savings on social security take time to come through.

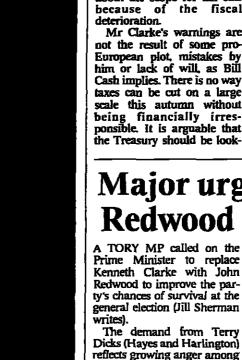
Mr Brown's problem as Shadow Chancellor is a mir-

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ror image of Mr Clarke's. He has to persuade his colleagues that Labour has to come up with real cuts in some programmes if it is to offer a credible fiscal approach. Good intentions, as in Chris Smith's welfare speech last week, are not enough. After the fuss over child benefits for 16 to 18-years-olds - which Mr Brown handled clumsily tomorrow's statement on training and employment for young people will be a key test of "new" Labour's seriousness in substance, as opposed to rhetoric.

In both cases, the position of the Chancellor or Shadow Chancellor has to be upheld. Just as no government can prosper if a Chancellor is criticised from within, or relations are strained with a Prime Minister, so no opposition can appear as a credible alternative government if the authority of the Shadow Chancellor is undermined. They are the pillars of any administration.

PETER RIDDELL



rightwingers over Mr Clarke's

recent warnings that he cannot guarantee vote-catching tax cuts in his November Budget. Mr Dicks said: "I am calling on John Major to sack Kenneth Clarke as Chancellor. He is out of touch with the party and he is out of touch with everybody with regard to tax cuts. He seems to have his

own agenda and as far as I am concerned he is too arrogant

by far. On top of all this he makes silly mistakes." Mr Clarke has given a series of interviews in which he has suggested that elections .3 are not won on tax cuts. But Mr Dicks said that the only chance the Tories had was to make Mr Redwood Chancellor with a mandate to cut public spending and taxes.

Major urged to make **Redwood Chancellor**

A TORY MP called on the Prime Minister to replace Kenneth Clarke with John Redwood to improve the party's chances of survival at the general election (Jill Sherman

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Hollywood rushes to make Hardy's corner novels less obscure

From Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent, at the Cannes Film Festival

AFTER Jane Austen, it is now Thomas Hardy's turn. Directors and producers are rereading his classics in a rush to make them into movies as money-spinning as Austen's Sense and Sensibility.

Jude, a faithful adaptation of Jude the Obscure, which is receiving its world premiere at the Cannes Film Festival, is one of five Hardy movies in various stages of production.
Michael Winterbottom, the

young British director who directed Jude, and Andrew Eaton, who produced it, are collaborating again on The Mayor of Casterbridge, while Phil Agland is making The Woodlanders, with funding from Channel 4 Films and Chargeurs, a French conglomerate. Negotiations are under way for Wessex Tales and The Return of the Native.

Although Tess of the D'Urbervilles and Far From the Madding Crowd have already received the Holly-wood touch, Claudia Shaffer, who runs the rights depart-ment of Curtis Brown, the literary agents, said she had been inundated over the past few months with applications for rights to Hardy's novels from film, theatre and dance companies: "They are selling like hot cakes. I am getting

Thomas Hardy, whose rising star now outshines Jane Austen in the Hollywood firmament

phone calls every day." There had, however, been curious ideas for adaptations, she said, including a suggestion to feature bouncing sheep in Far from the Madding Crowd — The Musical.

Changes in copyright laws in January, extending copyright to 70 years after a writer's death, have made the industry see Hardy in a new light. Hardy and John Buchan are among authors whose novels have been affected. As Hardy died in 1928 his work will return into the public domain at the beginning of

Peter Weinand, a partner of Farrer and Co. which acts for the Hardy estate, said that a work under copyright became a more marketable commodity, in that others could not make films of the same work. He suggested that after the formal, classical tone of Jane Austen, film-makers were yearning for a more romantic

Mr Weinand said that one of their partners was a trustee of the estate, a complex arrangement which involved 16 wills. He said that through a series of bequests, the rights were passed on via Hardy's widow to her sister and on to a housemaid. An anonymous

Colin Leventhal, of Channel 4 Films, spoke with excitement about The Woodlanders. which has a E4.5 million budget with Phil Agland making his debut as a feature-film director. "Hardy is a modern writer for his time," he said. adding that he was drawn to the novel by the combination of a great story and universal themes. This is a story that is still strongly contemporary the isolation of an enclosed community from the fastchanging outside world."

woman, a descendant of the

housemaid, is still receiving

Film rights can reach six-

ligure sums. Anything put

into production before Janu-

ary I, when the copyright laws

came into force, is unaffected.

Jude is a £5 million produc-

tion, co-produced by

Polygram Filmed Entertain-

ment and BBC Films. Mark

Shivas, its executive producer,

said that audiences would

think it cost a great deal more.

as a bold and generally

successful attempt to adapt Hardy's final novel to the big

screen", and likened the style

to François Truffaut's costume

dramas. The Hollywood Re-

porter called it a "masterful

adaptation, both a brilliant

character study as well as a

pristine portrait of fate 19th-

It stars Christopher

Eccleston as Jude, opposite

Kate Winslet's thoroughly modern" Sue. Winslet said

yesterday: "If Hardy was

Michael Winterbottom's feet

He has told the story Hardy

was trying to tell but suffered

because it was so heavily

alive, he would be kissing

century England".

criticised.'

Variety described the film

rovalties.

Although Hardy is beginning to steal some of the limelight. Austen's love affair with film-makers is not quite over. A new production of Emma, the comedy of love and misunderstanding, is being premiered in Cannes.



Christina Tonitto of Sotheby's with the Swarbrick Nun. The doll, which spent most of its 350 years in a box, is expected to fetch £60,000

Persecution puts a high price on the model nun who turned out to be a hidden treasure

BY ALAN HAMILTON

AND JOHN VINCENT FEW lifeless wooden dolls can have seen so much life as the one expected

to fetch £60,000 when it is auctioned at Sotheby's next week. The 14in doll, dressed in the stiff cotton wimple and black woollen habit of a Jesuit order of nuns she has worn since 1680, is a potent reminder of Catholic persecution in late 17thcentury England. Rarity has combined with history to inflate her

worth: only 22 other similar examples

are known in the world. Hidden in a wooden box from the prying eyes of religious zealots, the - which is known as the Swarbrick Nun - was smuggled out of England and back again, and has since been in the care of the same Lancashire family for nearly 300 years. Sotheby's experts have found

that the doll was given to a small girl from the Swarbrick family, devout Roman Catholics of Swarbrick Hall, Singleton, Lancashire, in the mid-17th century, during or soon after the rule of Cromwell's equally devout Protestant Commonwealth.

Because of strong anti-Catholic feeling, the girl - whose Christian name is unknown - and her brother James were smuggled out of the country to be educated at a Catholic seminary at Douai in northern France, and later in Rome. The girl took the doll with her.

James Swarbrick became a Jesuit priest and his sister became a nun. She dressed the doll like herself and when her brother returned to England in 1680 she concealed the toy in a wooden box for him to smuggle home, so that their mother could see how her daughter was dressed. The doll was successfully returned to

him, James Swarbrick later stayed with another of his sisters, Alice, and her husband Richard Gillow at their home near Lancaster, where misfortune befell him. In 1717, two years after the Old Pretender's unsuccessful rising to regain the British throne for the Catholic Stuarts, the Gillows' house was searched and Swarbrick was thrown into Lancaster Castle on suspicion of being a Popish priest.

Swarbrick died in prison on the eve of his execution, at the age of 77, and became known as one of the Lancashire Martyrs. Gillow was also arrested, dragged before the justices at Preston and convicted of being a recusant — failing to be a regular attender at the Church of England. He died soon afterwards. But the doll survived and remained in the Gillow family until recently. Bunny Campione, Sotheby's doll specialist,

became something of a religious icon. was the work of an unidentified but highly skilled English craftsman of the mid-17th century. Twenty-two other examples of his work were known to be in private hands or

"All 23 have the same look and are undoubtedly by the same hand. It is extremely unlikely that one will come on the market again. This one has a wonderfully exciting history. But for all her adventures she has a tender. saintly, knowing look, as if she is about to give Benediction.

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There is a real atmosphere about her when you pick her up. You feel that she has seen a great deal of life but remains pure and innocent. What makes her so interesting is that she is still wearing the Jesuit habit after all this time." The doll will be auctioned

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Bonn is shaken by euro rebellion among Kohl allies

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

BATTLELINES have been drawn over European monetary union in the Free Democratic Party, a key partner in the ruling coalition of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. The row looks set to rattle the Bonn Government as it plods unsteadily towards meeting the Maastricht entry criteria

for a single currency. The argument among the Free Democrats could hardly have come at a worse time: European Commission figures, due to be released tomorrow, are likely to show that Bonn will miss at least one of its EMU targets in the critical year of 1997. The Commission forecast suggests — as German sources confirmed yesterday -- that both Germany and France will not be able to bring their deficit down to 3 per cent of total output. The forecast is providing

ammunition to the Euro-sceptic wing of the Free Democrats, which is demanding that the Government negotiate further treaties to ensure the lasting stability of the future European currency. The group, Liberal Offensive, is insisting on steps towards a political union before Germany embarks on monetary union. The group is lobbying to get next month's party congress to approve the principle of a party referen-dum on EMU.

This idea has triggered panic in the Free Democrat leadership, Klaus Kinkel, the For-

German unions step up strikes

By Roger Boyes

GERMANY'S dustmen were yesterday preparing to join other workers in lightning nationwide strikes after fruitless talks between the Government and the public sector

Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, and his Cabinet are urging calm on the increasingly angry unions, fearful that workers will take to the streets against spending cuts as they did in France last

There can be no more powerful threat to civic calm in Germany than a dustmen's strike. Only yesterday the German recycling agency was bragging that Germany has become "world champion" in the rubbish disposal league. Each German recycled 65.5 kg (144 lb) of rubbish last year that is 77 per cent of all

household packaging. ers and banks as v So far the public service and tram drivers.

protests are at the level of warning strikes" — usually lasting only one or two shifts and switching from city to city. German postal workers in Munich, Stuttgart, Berlin and other cities were refusing to deliver mail yesterday. Bus and tram drivers are coming out in other towns.

It is the dustmen who can bring Germany to its knees. They, along with 3.2 million other public sector workers, want a wage rise of 4.5 per cent but would give ground in return for job guarantees. The Government is offering no wage increase and is seeking cuts in holiday entitlement.

Dieter Schulte, head of the German trade union federation, last night issued a warning of a "hot summer" of industrial protest with strikes in the offing by airport workers and banks as well as train



FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

IN AN informal pact that could isolate Britain still further in Europe, Spain has promised France "maximum eign Minister and one of three key Free Democrat ministers in the Cabinet, said: "There co-ordination" and support in all future European Union European policy."
The Social Democrats, he negotiations.

can be no renationalisation of

said, had tried to play the

Euro-sceptic card in regional elections in Baden-Württern-

berg in March and had lost

votes. For the small Free

Democratic Party, on the cusp

of the 5 per cent needed for

parliamentary representation,

any serious loss of vote would

Among the party's right wing, there has long been some degree of Euro-scepti-

cism. In part, they are refuc-

tant to see a strong mark

surrendered for a weak euro.

But there is also a powerful

faction committed to German

national sovereignty.

The dissidents are cam-

paigning for a delay in the introduction of EMU. If the

party backs them in an inter-

nal referendum, the protest

could spread to other coalition

partners - the Christian

Democrats and the Bavarian

While German big business

seems to be moving towards a

1999 start-up for EMU, con-

servative politicians in all

parties are urging a delay rather than a flexible interpre-

Kinkel: face set against

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spell oblivion.

According to Spanish diplomatic sources, the agreement was concluded last Thursday by Abel Matutes, the Spanish Foreign Minister, and Herve de Charette, his French counterpart, in private talks held during a meeting of the Mediterranean Forum in Ravello, near Napies. The agreement was sought

by M de Charette, and was made to ensure the strengthening of the Franco-German axis within the EU. In the aftermath of the Italian elections, which returned that country's first left-wing Government, France appears to have turned to the conservative Spanish administration of José Maria Aznar for a reli-

able European ally. M de Charette, said to be perturbed by the "slackening" of the Maastricht process and by "the poor results" at the Turin Inter-Government Conference in March, sought and received guarantees of Spanish co-operation in future EU negotiations, particularly in regard to the reform of the Maastricht treaty and the admission of new member states.

In exchange the agreement gives Spain the promise of greater French involvement in the cross-border fight against Basque terrorism and "a strengthening still further of bilateral ties".

Madrid has for long complained that France's co-operation in the fight against Eta has been less than wholehearted.

Although details of the agreement have not been made public, it is likely that the French have accepted in principle the long-standing Spanish request that its police be given the right of hot pursuit into France of suspected Basque terrorists.



Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist presidential candidate, is surrounded by bodyguards after a campaign rally in Nizhny Novgorod at the weekend

Heat goes out of Russia spy row

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FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

WHAT had promised to be a serious spy row between Moscow and London appeared to be fizzling out yesterday a week after the Russian intelligence services threatened a mass expulsion of British Embassy diplomats.

A Russian Foreign Ministry official said on Sunday that "the subject is closed", leading Tass to comment that the issue would probably be resolved through diplomatic channels. The British Embassy would say only that "there are no

new developments. Discussion continue." There were no top-level meetings between the two sides yesterday and there appeared to be no imminent threat of expulsions.

The playing down of the affair probably owes as much to a dispute within the Russian Government as to talks with the British side, which threatened tit-for-tat expulsions of Russian diplomats from London. Russian counter-intelligence made much of the accusations at first. But the more pro-West-ern Foreign Ministry refused to confirm the spy story and

put the brakes on.

A source in the Foreign
Ministry told the Interfax news agency yesterday that the alleged British spy was a middle-ranking Russian diplomat. "He is a fairly young man and had bright prospects," the source said.

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Pope's attacker asks Vatican to intercede

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

MEHMET ALI AGCA, the Turkish gunman who tried to kill the Pope, yesterday marked the lifteenth anniversary of the assassination attempt by appealing to his victim to set him free. However, the Vatican said John Paul II had already pardoned Agca twice and had even visited him in prison, and had

no intention of intervening. The Pope, who was shot in the stomach and hand, has recently suffered mysterious intestinal ailments apparently linked to the murder attempt and subsequent emergency surgery. His injured hand still trembles uncontrollably.

In an often-rambling television interview from his prison cell in Ancona, Agca, who is now 38, gave a vivid account of events at St Peter's Square on May 13, 1981. He said he had almost given up his assassination attempt when the Pope made a second circuit of the square during his weekly audience.

When the Pope went round the first time I thought it was all over. I thought to

myself. I may as well go back to Switzerland and start a new life," Agea said, "But then he was in front of me, and an invisible supernatural force urged me on." He opened fire in "a desperate attempt to make history".

Agea said he was asking the Vatican to persuade Italy to release him. "I am not asking for clemency, I am asking for justice," he said. "I have served my sentence and paid for my mistakes, which I acknowledge," he said. "I am not a danger to society. I can be of use to the

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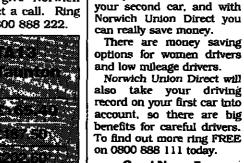
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than the other firms I'd businesswoman I recognise and appreciate good Philippa added: "The service - and this was operators were excellent, faultless

Chirac rekindles Entente Cordiale

French President Spy row pursues his love affair with Britain



Jacques Chirac, the republican with a penchant for royalty, arrives in Britain in a conciliatory mood, writes Ben Macintyre from Paris

RELAXING in his study at the Elysée Palace in Paris on Sunday night, Jacques Chirac recalled the moment when, as an awestruck boy of 16, he stood in a crowd welcoming King George VI and the young royal princesses as they toured the shipyards of Newcastle upon Tyne. Today, nearly half a century

later, the man who is now President of France will encounter the same royal sisters from a rather different perspective when he is greeted at Waterloo station by Princess Margaret. He will then be driven in a carriage procession along the Mall after royal salutes are fired from the Tower of London and Green Park for a private lunch with the Queen at Buckingham

Before his three-day state visit to Britain, M Chirac granted a rare audience in his left no doubt that he intends office during

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which he reflected on the increasingly warm ties between Britain and France as well as his fond memories of postwar Britain. The President expressed sympathy for the plight

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of British cattle would back any relaxation of the beef ban approved at a European level.

The Franco-British alliance is as vital to France as its relationship with Germany, M Chirac said, adding that recently he had urged Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. to show European solidarity with Britain over the beef

For a republican, M Chirac has a strong admiration for royalty and, as a Frenchman. an equally unlikely affinity for

all things British. his parents, the young Chirac travelled to Britain for a

ages of 16 and 20 to stay with the family of John King, a boy of the same age who lived in Rochester in Kent. It was Mr King's father, an executive in the shipbuilding industry. who arranged for the French youth to witness the royal visit to the shipyards at Newcastle upon Tyne.

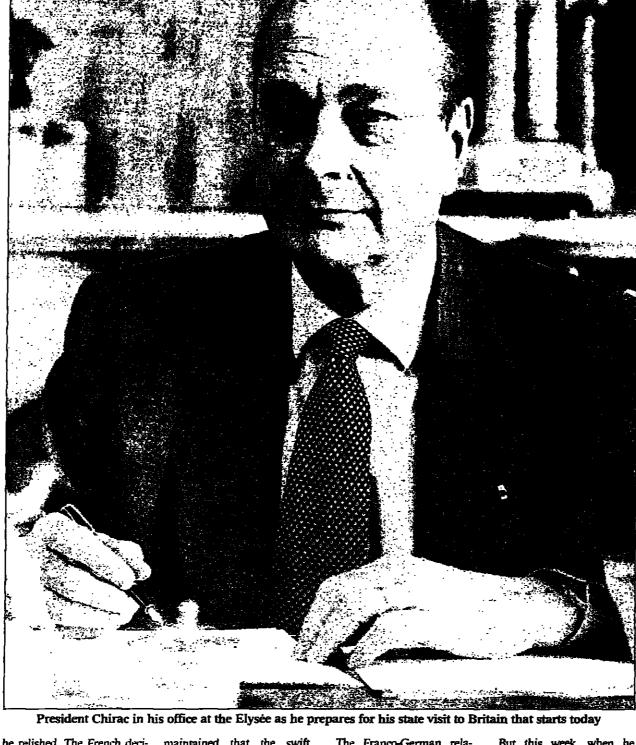
M Chirac travelled widely during his British holidays, staying in YMCA hostels at Edinburgh and at Windermere, experiences that left him with a firm grounding in English, an appreciation of the British countryside and, he said, an enduring taste for le fish and chips eaten out of newspaper. Where his predecessors

have tended to view "perfidious Albion" with at least residual suspicion, M Chirac is openly Anglophile, and Sunday's informal discussion his presidency to

blossoming of the Entente Cordiale. Relations between France and Britain, particularly in the area of defence co-operation, reached a new level of solidari-

farmers and said France ty, the President said. He applauded what he called the efficiency of the British armed forces and had especially warm praise for what he called the intelligence and strong leadership of John Major, the Prime Minister, with whom he has a close personal understanding.
However, he added that the

crucial importance of the Franco-British link was enough to ensure a good working relationship with whatever party was in power. When it was pointed out that he would soon be sitting down to eat British roast beef with the Queen, a meat still banned in France, he laughed.



he relished. The French decision to ban British beef was not made unilaterally, he said. adding that Paris would support a European decision to lift the ban on beef tallow. gelatine and semen being discussed by the European Union veterinary committee

Pointing to his own roots in rural region of France largely dependent on cattle ng, M Chirac said he understood the distress of producers on both sides of the then said the prospect was one Channel. At the same time he

maintained that the swift European ban on beef had prevented still greater panic among consumers.

In the same vein he sought to play down the differences between France and Britain over Europe, saying repeatedly that a united Europe without Britain would be unthinkable. Britain's reservations on Europe must be taken into account, he said, adding that he believes that Britain will join a single European currency Germany and France.

The Franco-German relationship remains central to French thinking, but M Chirac was at pains to suggest that that hallowed marriage does not preclude what might be called a "menage à trois" at the heart of Europe, with France balanced between Germany and Britain.

Almost a million British soldiers perished on French. soil in two world wars, M Chirac said, noting that military co-operation in Bosnia, the decision to create a professional French army on the British model, similar thinking on the reform of Nato and the new Franco-British Air Group have all contributed to a new era of understanding.

The President had particularly glowing praise for what he termed the great "elegance" shown by Britain in not condemning the French resumption of nuclear testing, contrasting the civilised attitude of London with the response of other European

The President also expressed admiration for the tightly controlled and well regulated British economy and said he would be discussing issues such as deregulation and more flexible working methods with business leaders in the City during his stay.

The contradictions in M Chirac's thinking that have dogged his first year in office, notably his expressed desire for ever closer European unity at the same time as a "Europe of nations", have not yet

But this week, when he tours the depressed Glasgow neighbourhood of Easterhouse, addresses Parliament and lays a wreath at the Charles de Gaulle memorial, Britain may discover a French leader more attuned to British culture (and humour) and perhaps better equipped to deal with the complex cross-Channel currents than any President since the founding

of the Fifth Republic. Old animosities change, he said, laughing off the periodic "Frog-bashing" in parts of the British media and recalling that his parents' generation once routinely referred to Ger-mans as the "Boches".

When asked whether, as a tabloid newspaper once reported, he had ever remarked during a summit that Margaret Thatcher "wanted his balls on a plate", the President emitted another guffaw, emphatically denied saying any such thing, and then grinned as if he rather wished he had.

Serious differences remain, but no man knows better how symbolism can help to heal the most ancient scars. Today M Chirac will alight from a scheduled Eurostar train in a station named after one of France's most devastating military defeats at British hands. before eating a meal containing food banned by his own Government

He might well have preferred le fish and chips, but M Chirac will be much too tactful to say so.

Anatole Kaletsky, page 16 Focus, pages 20-23

Elysée's new tenant opts for grandeur

By BEN MACINTYRE

THE contrasting personal styles of the late President Mitterrand and his Gaullist successor are reflected in the interior of the Elysée Palace. M Chirac has ejected the modern furniture that was commissioned by Mitterrand, returning the interior to the elegant look of de Gaulle's

Where Mitterrand favoured angular modern constructions by such celebrated designers as Philippe Starck, M Chirac has brought back the grander look of an earlier age with Louis XV chairs and

intricately patterned upholstery. Almost every piece of furniture in the Elysee now boasts a carved, gilded animal and clawed feet, and the only obvious concession to modernity is a large television in the corner of the President's

Perhaps the most telling tribute to his political mentor is M Chirac's decision to do away with the table created for Mitterrand by French designer Pierre Paulin in favour of the massive leathertopped Louis XV-style desk used by de Gaulle.

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gees stranded on a freighter for the past week left the ship

under military guard in this Ghanaian port yesterday and

were being kept in guarded

Port officials said the Nige-rian cargo ship Bulk Chal-

lenger returned to dock after a

generator failure forced her to

stop as she tried to leave the

port. They estimated it could

take three days for repairs.

Ghana said the ship would

have to take her passengers

with 700 refugees from Liberia

and Sierra Leone fleeing re-

newed clashes in Monrovia.

moved closer to Freetown

harbour in Sierra Leone yes-

terday, although local officials

said thaat she had no author-

Israeli shot dead

Jerusalem: Palestinian gun-

men shot dead one Jew and

wounded another in a drive-

by shooting in the occupied West Bank (Christopher Walker writes). The gunmen,

who earlier fired at an ar-

mour-plated bus carrying

Jewish settlers, struck as Is-raeli security forces were on

maximum alert for threatened

Arab attacks to coincide with

in West Bank

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ity to dock. (Reuter)

A second vessel.

quayside tents.

Helicopter saves Everest survivor at 20,000 ft

Veteran climber tells wife 'don't worry' before dying

By Michael Horsnell and Ronald Faux

ROB HALL, the leading farewell to his pregnant wife by radio before dying of frostbite near the summit of Mount Everest, it was disclosed last night.

The news came as Seaborne Weathers, the American climber initially believed to have died in the blizzard, descended to a 20,000 ft pass, where a helicopter picked him up — the highest such rescue on record. "I am OK, I'm better now," said Mr Weathers, 49, from Dallas, after he was flown to Kathmandu by a Nepalese army helicopter chartered by the US Embassy.

Mr Weathers, who was part of a Swedish expedition, suffered facial burns from high winds and severe frostbite on both hands. The storm struck as Mr Weathers was only 400 ft from the summit, forcing him to squat on a rocky ledge without oxygen or anything to drink.

Mr Hall, a New Zealander.

was one of eight leared dead by the harsh conditions on the famed 29,028 ft mountain as the climbing season takes off in treacherous weather. With mountaineering "tourists" paying more than £40,000 a head following the relaxation of numerical limits by the Nepalese Government, experienced climbers believe too many are being allowed on the atmosphere is too thin for

mountain at any one time. Mr Hall, 35, the only Westerner to have climbed Everest five times, and his countryman, Andrew Harris, 31, who also perished, were leading an expedition of paying clients Consultants.

The two other victims from the New Zealand expedition were a Japanese woman. Yasuko Nanba, 47, viewed as her country's finest female mountaineer, and an American, Douglas Hansen, 44. The New Zealand Press

Association said eight climbers in all, from three separate expeditions, were believed killed as bad weather set in on their descent from the mountain. Amid confusion about the death toll, reports in New Zealand said the other victims included three Indian climbers - an expedition is being launched to search for their bodies - and a climber with a Taiwanese group.

Hailing the rescue of Mr Weathers, Geoff Gabites, chief executive of the Adventure Council,said in Christchurch that it was the highest helicopter rescue on record. The missing climbers were presumed to be above 28,000 ft "and it's just not possible to have a helicopter operating at that area", he said. At that altitude the

Rob Hall and his wife, Jan Arnold, celebrating in

Christchurch after their Everest climb in 1993

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night on Everest." Peter Hillary, son of the Everest conqueror, Sir Ed-mund Hillary, said Hall would have known he was likely to die when he was forced to camp without a tent or sleeping bag just below the He said Mr Hall would

helicopter rotors to function.

dures for climbers in danger, and requires each expedition to take responsibility for its

Mr Hall was last heard

from on Saturday night when

a radio operator connected

him to his pregnant wife, Jan Arnold, in New Zealand. His

assistant, Madeleine David.

said in Christchurch that,

according to his last message,

he was trapped above 25,200

sleeping bag and almost no oxygen, fluids or food.

veteran told his wife, seven

months pregnant, with whom

he scaled the mountain in

1993, he was hopeful. "He

said: Hey, look, don't worry

about me.' The man knew that

there was an expedition, a rescue launched for him, said Ms David. "Various other people in the expedition teams

who had two-way radio were

encouraging him, talking to

him, and it seemed like he was

in reasonably good spirits."
Friends were convinced he

would have made it down the

mountain but stayed behind to

But Colin Monteath, a fam-

ily friend, said: "The assump-

tion has now been made that

he did not survive a second

help the sick Hansen.

frostbitten with no tent or

Ms David said the Everest

have realised that things were very grim" when he had to spend the night exposed to a blizzard with the ailing "A bivouac without equipment 150 meters below the

summit in bad weather means at the very least you're going to get frostbite, and it could go right through to death," Mr Hillary said. "He knew that." Six other clients, one guide and two sherpas from the New

Zealand party made their way to a camp lower down the

Steve Bell, managing director of Himalayan Kingdoms About 20 companies around



Seaborne Weathers, the American survivor, lands in Kathmandu yesterday after his rescue by helicopter

Expeditions, the Sheffieldbased company that offers guided attempts on Everest, described the deaths as a disaster waiting to happen.

"So many teams are now trying to reach the summit and relying on a hope that the eather will remain fair," he said. "Someone was bound to be caught out one day."

Mr Hall was "tremendously experienced, the top man on the planet" for guiding in the Himalayas, Mr Bell said. "I have immense respect for him, but on a mountain as high as Everest it doesn't matter that you have been climbing one year or 20 years, those storms are vile and if you are caught in one it will kill you."

Himalayan Kingdoms has one expedition on the Chinese face of Everest with three guides and seven clients attempting the summit, among them the actor, Brian Blessed.

the world organise climbing expeditions to the Himalayas, although climbers must accept that if it becomes clear they do not have the skill or stamina to make the attempt they may be

turned back without a refund.

Andy MacNae, national officer of the British Mountaineering Council, said pressure caused by the number of teams attempting Everest was a danger. There are just too many people climbing, particularly when you have a mountain that is a honey-pot like Everest. Although it is technically a straightforward climb, when the weather suddenly turns bad it becomes a very different proposition, a serious

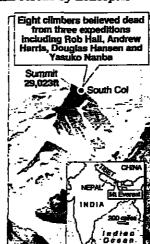
fight for survival." The mountain has claimed more than 100 people since it was conquered in 1953. Thirty mountaineers were on Everest when the latest storm struck on Friday, bringing temperatures of 40 below zero F and whipping winds. Twenty-two climbers were treated on the mountain for frostbite and other injuries and were continuing their descent, according to Jeff Herr, of Outside Online, a magazine published on the internet that has moni-tored one of the trapped

expeditions.

Among the teams now on Everest is an American-led expedition making an IMAX giant screen film of an ascent via the South Col.

A solitary Swede, Goran Kropp, 29, cycled from Stockholm to the Everest base camp. He climbed without oxygen or sherpa assistance and, avoiding fixed ropes, reached just beneath the south summit before turning back because of the dangerous snow conditions.

Jamling Tenzing, son of Sherpa Tenzing Norgay, who was first to climb Everest in 1953 with Hillary, hopes to



reach the top ten years after his father's death.

The Nepal Mountaineering Association has organised an expedition to shift 1,500 kg of garbage from the mountain. which now has a permanent lavatory at base camp.

elections on May 29. Twenty-four hours earlier Hezbollah wounded five Israeli soldiers in southern Lebanon. Leader dies Lagos: Nnamdi Azikiwe, first President of Nigeria, has died at 91. He was President from 1963 to 1966; Nigeria became a republic in 1963, three years after independence. (AFP)

'Black box' hunt

New York: Hopes grew that the "black box" of the ValuJet DC9, that crashed in the Florida Everglades with the loss of 109 lives, could be retrieved as workers found the jet's tail in the swamp.

Obituary, page 19

Balcony deaths

Nairobi: At least 14 people were killed and five injured when the balcony of a dilapidated building which houses a supermarket collapsed in the Kenyan capital, police and witnesses said. (Reuter)

Serb in custody

The Hague: Goran Lajic, a Bosnian Serb charged with war crimes by the international criminal tribunal here, was handed over to United Nations authorities by Germany, the court said. (AFP)

Barry returns

Washington: Marion Barry. Mayor of Washington, has returned to work, ending the leave which sparked rumours he had relapsed into the drug abuse that drove him from office six years ago. (AFP)

£1.5m sweetener Cairo: Egypt is to pay more than El.5 million compensation to farmers whose sugar cane fields were cut down by police to flush out Muslim militants hiding in them, press reports said. (AFP)

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Gore dogs Clinton tracks in White House trial run

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON stood aside in 1992 because his In the policy field Mr Gore has

PRESIDENT CLINTON is not the only man in the White House battling for the Oval Office. Al Gore, the Vice-President, is using Mr Clinton's re-election campaign to lay the strongest possible foundations for his own presidential bid in 2000.

Mr Gore has secured key jobs for his own men. He has focused on initiatives that should come to fruition over the next four years. He is wooing the union movement that presently incline towards Richard Gephardt, the more liberal House minority leader who is likely to be Mr Gore's main rival for the next Democratic nomination.

A Gephardt adviser sug-gested Mr Gore's strategy was to create for himself an "aura of inevitability" that would virtually preciude challenges. Mr Gore, a former Tennessee senator, sought the Demo-

cratic nomination in 1988 but

DICK FOSBURY, the high

jumper who invented the Fosbury flop", would be a millionaire today under a proposal from a US lawyer

that sportsmen patent their

Robert Kunstadt, a senior

Manhattan lawyer, urged athletes taking part in next month's Atlanta Olympics to

legally protect their sporting

innovations. It is a proposal that could bring chaos to the playing field, but earn for-

Mr Kunstadt, who will

publish his proposal next week in the National Law

Journal, said yesterday that

he has already received inqui-

ries from leading sportsmen

and women who are curious

about how to capitalise on

their innovations. Sports such

as gymnastics, baseball and

basketball are rich in opportu-

nities, he said, and protection

could be sought under exist-

ing laws. A basketball player, such as

tunes for sports stars.

best-known moves.

son was recovering from a near-fatal road accident. He is now scarcely bothering to conceal his presidential ambition, telling The New York Times. "I'm not actively discouraging the idea, but neither am I obsessed with it." To a friend who began a sentence: "If you run ..." Mr Gore insisted:

"Oh, I'm running." Mr Gore can count on Mr Clinton's support if he is reelected. In public he has been a loyal and self-effacing deputy, even during the darkest days of late 1994 when most Democrats despaired of Mr Clinton. In private Mr Gore has been an influential

Mr Gore has used his clout to stock the Clinton campaign and Administration with allies who will form the nucleus of his own team in 2000. They include Peter Knight, Mr Clinton's campaign manager.

ment, creating a nationwide "information super-highway". and modernising government. Finally, he has been careering around the country, raising money for fellow Democrats and so putting them in

lavished attention on issues

likely to be centre-stage by the

century's end - the environ-

his debt. Mr Gore has weaknesses as a candidate. Droll in private, his stiffness in public has spawned countless jokes. His delivery is wooden, and he not possibly be described as inspirational.

But if Mr Clinton wins in November, Mr Gore will automatically become the Democratic frontrunner for 2000. That is what he has planned. An aide recalled: "I remember going through [with him] the number of Vice-Presidents who became President. There were 14."

Sports stars coached on patent law

the skier who comes up with a particular stance or the wrestler who invents an effective

demanded by, for instance,

security, and coaches and trainers are often unrewarded," he said. It would be up to umpires and referees to stop a player using an unlicensed

Dick Fosbury himself re-plied that he was not interested in making money out of sport. For other sports innovators of the past, such as Mark Spitz with his double-jointed butterfly swimming stroke, it is probably already too late to capitalise. For patent law to apply, real

Mr Kunstadt, who has in funding of sports as it would



Dick Fosbury performing the jump that bears his name

Michael Jordan of the Chica-go Bulls, who has a distinctive way of approaching the hoop, would Kareem Abdul Jabbar. formerly of the Los Angeles Lakers, who invented the "sky hook" scoring shot. Bob Cousy, formerly of the Boston Celtics, could have made a great deal of money from his much-copied behind-the-back "At least three forms of intellectual property protection might be used to secure rights in sports moves — copyright, patent and and trademark." Mr Kunstadt said. "Sports stars are not properly protecting their interests at present."

Gymnasts could easily cite the widespread use of copyright law in protecting dance and choreography steps, he said. Protection could also be

inventiveness had to be proved, said Mr Kunstadt. but trademark and copyright laws might be used to safe-guard characteristic moves. the past represented the US Olympic Committee, added that patent protection could relieve the pressure for state

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ANC favourites fill Cabinet as critics turn on Mandela

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT MANDELA, facing scathing criticism of his personal leadership and Government's performance, yesterday attempted to consolidate the African National Congress's grip on power by rewarding favourite ministers with portfolios abandoned by the National Party. He has come under mount-

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ing pressure to personally restore faith in the battered South African economy. "It is a small but significant way of contributing to the pro-gramme of belt-tightening,"

Mr Mandela's Cabinet reshuffle came a day after the fiercest, most personal attack on his leadership had appeared in the South African media since the ANC leader took power two years ago. Ken Owen, the distinguished former editor of Johannesburg's Sunday Times, said in a signed article headlined Too much patting of children's heads" that it was high time Mr Mandela stopped celebrating and got on with the job at

"How he does it is his own business," Mr Owen wrote in a leading article. "But I do suggest it is time he took matters seriously."

The article raised the spectre of devastating "stop-go" economics unless Mr Mandela moved swiftly to stamp his authority on the Government and reassure investors.

Mr Owen continued: "He [Mr Mandela] has done far too much travelling abroad. He has made far too many conciliatory gestures. He has basked far too long in the adulation of the masses, and he has patted far too many children's heads. It is time he devoted himself to his job.

which is to govern." Until recently it seemed South Africans has been almost afraid to criticise Mr Mandela, such is the awe in which he is held. The country's media has generally treated the President with kid gloves and fear of criticism has stilled constructive debate.

Increasingly, however, the mood appears to be shifting as concern grows among South Africans about the devaluation of the rand, waning investor confidence and financial insecurity.

Mr Mandela's recent dismissive comments as the val-ue of the rand was plummeting, suggesting that everything would come right without offering any tangible solutions, infuriated key figures in the white-dominated business community. A Johannesburg talk show was

ber of white South Africans emigrating, particularly to Australia and Britain, is increasing, a spokeswoman for the Government's statistics service said yesterday. South African emigration increased by 22 per cent in January of this year, com-

pared with the same month last year, according to Alida Casteleijn, a researcher with the Central Statistical Service. The most popular destinations in January were Australia, with 463 emigrants, and

Britain, with 224. South Afri-

deluged yesterday with calls

from disgruntled whites com-

menting on the President's

performance. While praising

Mr Mandela's efforts at recon-

ciliation, the callers were gen-

erally critical of his

"Mr Mandela is being held

performance as a politician.

to ransom by the trade unions," screamed a white

Johannesburg housewife. Sev-

eral suggested he was out of

touch with the day-to-day

workings of government and

In last night's announce-

demanded firmer leadership.

ment Mr Mandela said the

General Services portfolio is to

be scrapped and the Agricul-

ture amd Land ministries

merged. The new minister is

to be Derek Hannekom, a

former ANC spokesman on

Four new ministers were

appointed to fill posts left

vacant following the with-

drawal of the National Party from the Government of Nat-ional Unity last week. Mo-

hammed Valli Moosa takes

over from Roelf Meyer as Provincial Affairs and Consti-

tutional Development Minis-

ter. The other new ministers

are Pallo Jordan, Penuell Maduna and Geraldine

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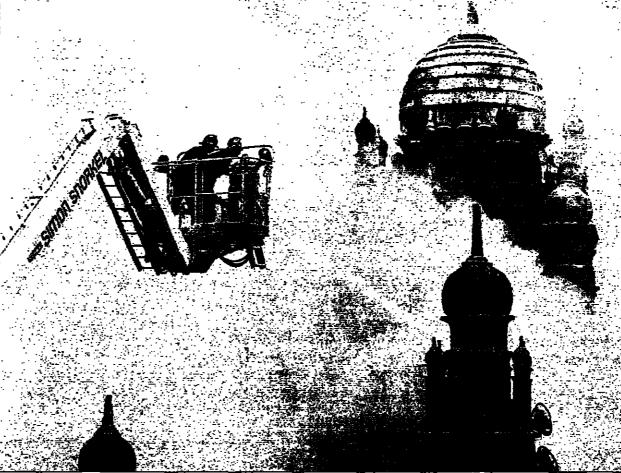
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can emigrants to New Zealand numbered 223, significantly lower than previous years. The United States was the fourth most popular destination, with 130 emigrants in those leaving South Africa are classified as professionals or

semi-professionals, among

Colonial.

them many doctors. (AFP)



Firefighters tackling a big blaze yesterday at the general post office in Bombay, a Raj-cra landmark of the city

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

With slightly more than 400

days to go before July 1, 1997,

when Britain hands over sov-

ereignty of the colony to Chi-

na, she gave a warning that

the people of Hong Kong

would have to "unite to defend

the autonomy and freedoms

which have been promised to

Echoing Mr Patten's fre-

quent comment that China's

allies in the colony fail to

inform Peking of the realities

behind Hong Kong's success.

the Chief Secretary urged those "who have dealings with

China to be more prepared to

stand up to defend and to

British tourists who entered

and took photographs in southwestern Sichuan, an

area off-limits to foreigners.

The two, identified as Mark Allen and Steven Vincent,

were put on a plane on May 5,

a local newspaper said. The

British Embassy

investigate. (AFP)

explain our autonomy." ☐ Peking: China expelled two

us and make them work".

ANSON CHAN, the Chief

Secretary and Deputy Gover-

nor of Hong Kong, predicted yesterday that China would

eventually adopt Hong Kong's

Speaking to Common-wealth MPs here, she said:

There will come a stage when

the gap, whether in economic or political institutions, be-

tween China and Hong Kong

will close and close very

rapidly ... By 100 years after 1997, maybe it will be one

country, one system — and Hong Kong's system at that."

Ms Chan — who is not boycotted by Chinese officials,

like Chris Patten, the Gover-

nor - normally talks of Hong

Kong and China "setting aside

their differences". But yester-

day she made plain to her Commonwealth guests that,

unlike their histories, Hong

independence; next year it

would come under the rule of

a second "metropolitan pow-

er" with different values.

one was not movine towards

democratic political system.

Coalition rebuff for Rao

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN DELHI

AN alliance of centre and leftwing Indian parties has ruled out participation in a coalition government with the Congress Party of the outgoing Prime Minister, P.V. Narasimha Rao.

The decision was announced separately yesterday by the centrist Janata Dal (People's Party) and the Com-munist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M), the two main components of the alliance known as

the National Front-Left Front. In a statement, the CPI-M said it was ready to support a government that did not include the Congress or the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP, Indian People's Party), but it would

not be a member of a coalition. Prakash Karat, of the CPI-M, said the party had passed a resolution during a meeting of its central committee in Delhi yesterday supporting the for-mation of a "non-Congress,

China 'will follow | Charity pleads with Peking Hong Kong road' to free club's dancing tiger

A BRITISH charity yesterday pleaded with the Peking authorities to allow a "dancing" tiger caged for the benefit of revellers at a Shenzhen nightclub to be released from its life

We've run out of adjectives to describe what is happening to this poor animal," Jill Robinson, Asia representative for the International Fund for Animal Welfare, said. "There is a genuine chance we can

bring this to a halt." The plight of one-year-old Dengdeng, highlighted on the front page of yesterday's South China Morning Post. has sparked widespread indignation among animal

rights campaigners. According to witness re-ports, the caged tiger is prodded by keepers to make it move to the music and customers are invited to dance while separated from it by bars. Although it is the latest incident in a catalogue of

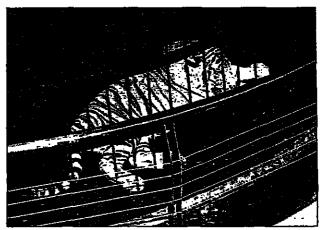
cruelty to animals perpetrated

FROM TOM WALKER IN HONG KONG in China, activists claim they

are enjoying some success in persuading Peking to crack down on individual cases which could attract international attention.

Action to save Dengdeng could be slow, however. Shenzhen, in an economic

zone bordering Hong Kong's New Territories, is a two-day journey from Peking, and yesterday there was little sign of repentance at the club, DJ Disco. "It is not dangerous," Liu Yong, marketing manag-er, said. "We have pulled out Dengdeng's claws.



Dengdeng the tiger, whose treatment at a club in China has outraged animal rights campaigners

Armed faction reconciled with Kabul

Kabul: The first of a force of 12,000 Afghan troops of the opposition Hezb-i-Islami group began arriving here yesterday after the faction rejoined the Kabul Government, officials said here.

Michael Caine as F.W.de Klerk and Sidney Poitier as

Nelson Mandela filming in Cape Towm yesterday

OPTIONS

The alliance, announced yesterday by the Defence Ministry and confirmed by Hezb-i-Islami officials now based in Kabul, is one of the most significant here in years and could transform Afghanistan's political landscape. About 1,000 troops loyal to Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. leader of Hezb-i-Islami and former Prime Minister, are already billeted in barracks in Kabul's eastern and southwestern suburbs and more are expected.

"The deal between our two parties has now basically been finalised and we have begun implementing the terms of the accord agreed between us," said General

Abdul Majid Niazi, the Hezb-i-Islami commander here.

Hezb-i-Islami will be given the posts of Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Minister of Finance in the newly broad-

ened administration, officials said. The deal came after months of tense negotiations between the two sides and amid persistent rumours of a complete breakdown in talks. (AFP)

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Grace Bradberry investigates the belief that what you eat affects your way of life

Vitamins, allergies and good food for thought

released last year, the Kellogg cereal company was not im-pressed. John Harvey Kellogg, co-creator of the comflake. was portrayed in the film as a quack - a man with a mission rid its diet of meat.

But at the heart of Kellogg's beliefs lay a notion far from alien to most consumers today. He believed that what we eat fundamentally determines who we are. His particular he blamed for the moral decline of the nation. Kellogg's views may now

appear unhinged, yet they have a certain hold on all of us. The adage that "you are what you eat" has been the subject of serious scientific research. Food additives have been linked with hyperactivity, low blood sugar levels with aggression, and all manner of problems have been traced back to food allergies. Feed Your Kids a Better IQ was the title of one widely read book in

Yet despite what appears to be mounting evidence in fa-vour of this thesis, the medical establishment is often scepti-cal. Those who insist that they need a high level of one vitamin or a diet eliminating common foods in order to function properly rarely have the support of their GPs.

Most doctors simply do not believe that the dietary requirements of the bulk of the population vary that greatly. In a new book, Food for Thought, David Benton, a psychologist at the University of Wales, looks at why many of the theories linking food and behaviour have failed to win medical backing.

"Any supposed benefits of an altered diet are explained away with little, if any, consideration as the psychological response of the gullible," he

establishment would often appear to right. Many of the most startling cases linking food to personality are not backed up when a large-scale study is conducted.

But does this mean they are bogus? Dr Benton points out that medical and scientific research depends on studying averages. Yet what if individuals vary far more greatly than doctors generally accept? An added difficulty is that



anna was weaned off her daily

cocktail of drugs and put on a

fast. After just three days she

became co-operative and

described how for years her nose had itched, her eyes had

watered and she had been

greatly overweight. Gradually

more foods were added to her

diet until it became clear that

bacon, egg. porridge, veal, tongue, coffee and chocolate

produced a negative reaction.

Next, these foods were ad-

ministered directly to her

stomach through a tube, so

she would not know what she

was eating (to rule out any

simply emotional reaction). The results stood up and

Joanna went home without

The cover of Mackarness's

drugs, but clutching a menu.

book claims that Joanna's case

shows "how millions may be

made ill, physically and men-

tally, by common foods such

as milk, eggs, coffee and white

flour". But as Dr Benton

points out, one case can do no

This has not stopped hun-

diet showed a reduction in

In 1976, the psychologist Keith Conners tested the

theory by randomly allocat-

ing hyperactive children to

Feingold's diet and one other.

He found that there might be

tive children who benefited

from the Feingold diet, but

that the results were inconclusive. By 1983, 20 studies had

So what are parents to

think? Feingold's diet appears

to work in non-experimental

situations, but falls down

under strict conditions. "The

only reasonable conclusion is

that most of the improvement

is psychological — a placebo

response," writes Dr Benton.

been carried out.

hyperactive behaviour.

double-blind trials, used to eliminate the placebo effect, cannot always be applied to dietary research. If you extract one major food source from the diet. Dr Benton points out. another has to be added for the sake of balance.

But when anecdotal evidence for food theories is so strong, it is no wonder that many people reject the conservatism of doctors and continue to believe that changing your diet can change your life.

One of the most moving cases is described by the Richard psychiatrist Mackarness in his book Not All in the Mind. He relates the near-tragic tale of Joanna, confined to a mental hospital after the birth of her third baby. Depressed and irritable, she had become violent towards her children, knocking her three-year-old son unconscious and throwing her daughter through a ground-floor window. Her future

Under Dr Mackarness, Jo-

HYPERACTIVE children all

display the same symptoms.

Some are impulsive and ag-

gressive; others are unable to

concentrate; some are con-

There has been enormous

publicity about the link be-

tives. The furore began in the

1970s when the number of

hyperactive children in-

creased, and an American

paediatrician, Dr Joseph

Feingold, suggested additives

He advocated a diet which

avoided any foods containing

natural salicylates and addi-

tives, and presented papers suggesting that between 40

and 70 per cent of hyperactive children who adhered to his

might be a cause.

stantly running around.

DEALING WITH HYPERACTIVE CHILDREN

ance tests. In response to the our diets, this month Safeway introduced an allergy testing service into five of its supermarkets.

But can our friends really suffer from so many allergies? Mackarness estimates that 30 per cent of the problems seen by GPs are exclusively due to food and chemical allergy. But consultants specialising in adverse food reactions find that many of those who believe they respond adversely to certain foods are displaying a psychological rather than a

biological response.
The medical definition of an allergy is very strict: laboratory tests must show that an antibody called Immunoglobulin E has been released after the food is eaten. Any other reaction falls into the wider category of a food intolerance. Within traditional medicine, it is estimated that less than I per cent of the population of Europe displays a food intolerance, let alone an allergy.

imilarly, doctors are contemptuous of the idea that differences in our basic biology mean that some of us require large doses of vitamins. This concept took root in the late 1960s after Linus Pauling, a Nobel prize-winning chemist. proposed that large doses of vitamins could benefit the body and help sufferers from some forms of mental illness.

Megavitamin therapy is extreme and can involve doses of 100 or 1,000 times the recommended daily amount (RDA). It has been used, controversially, to treat severe autism (using vitamin B6) and schizo-

phrenia (using niacin). When most of us take vitamins as a food supplement, we are usually taking only one or two times the RDA. In certain circumstances this might be unhealthy, but it is a far cry from what Pauling was recomus do not suffer from severe

psychological disorders. In recent years, however, there has been growing interest in high doses of vitamin C for apparently normal children. A 1994 study suggested that children with low vitamin C status tended to have lower intelligence scores. But studies looking at whether high doses of vitamin C can help with serious learning difficulties have been inconclusive - not all children respond in the

same way to supplements.
Should we avoid treatments simply because they are controversial? "In the light of the known adverse reactions to large doses of a few vitamins . . it seems sensible to suggest

DURING the last years of his life, the Duke of

Windsor's interests centred on the social round

in Paris and New York. When in France he spent weekends at his Mill House where the

entertainment followed a well-ordered pattern.

The lunchtime drill included drinks on the

terrace, at which the Duke liked to act as his

own barman. The Duke mixed a particularly

pulverising dry Martini, of which he was very proud, and which was mainly gin.

Prince Edward's sympathetic television ac-

count of his great-uncle included many shots of him with a glass in his hand, and a

cigarette or cigar in his mouth, and

even among the memorabilia shown

as an introduction to the film, there

was a particularly splendid pipe

which could well have been a prop in a Bulldog Drummond film. The Duke of Windsor's lifestyle

included many of the factors which

increase the chance of developing a

cancer of the mouth, nasal spaces or

throat These oral and nasopharyn-

geal tumours are often triggered by

the combination of a regular use of

the cause of his death.

tobacco and alcohol, even if neither is taken to

any very great excess. This combination of the Duke's cigars, pipe and cigarette smoke, coupled with the gin from his cocktails, would

have made him prey to a cancer of the tonsils

All cancers of the mouth are found more

often in men than women, probably because of

their lifestyle.

Although cancer of the tonsils is not common, it is a risk for all those who smoke

and drink regularly and is second only to

cancer of the voice box, the larynx, as a site of

malignancy in the upper respiratory tract.

As in any other cause of inflammation of the

tonsils, a persistent sore throat is usually the

that megavitamin therapy example of an apparently miunder medical supervision," comments Dr Benton. But as he points out, uncon-

ventional treatments can become caught in a victous circle. Mainstream doctors will not try them, so the desperate relatives of disturbed or mentally ill patients turn to practitioners of fringe medicine. Sometimes these people have overstated their claims. Hopes are raised only to be dashed. For almost every food theory, there is at least one

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when there are many such cases — as with the link between food additives, allergies and hyperactivity - the icture is confused.

Fighting fit: some experts claim that altering diet. like taking aerobic exercise, can bring enormous health benefits

Some children do suffer from both hyperactivity and allergies. But which comes first? It is simply not known whether the allergic reaction to food directly influences the brain." points out Dr Benton. or whether hyperactivity is a psychological response to the

stress of the allergy." Parents driven to distraction by their children's behaviour will hardly care very much, so long as a change in diet appears to bring results.

• Food for Thought by David Benton, Penguin Books, £6.99.



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A deadly combination case, the disease spread rapidly, but others are luckier, for modern surgery and radiotherapy give a patient a 50 per cent chance of making a full recovery.

The same risk factors which predispose to cancer of the tonsil also apply to other cancers of the mouth and oesophagus.

A third of patients who have tumours in any

of these sites, and have been subjected to this lifestyle, will later develop a second primary tumour after the first one has been treated; in consequence, careful annual checks are strongly recommended. One of the most misleading medical myths, still perpetuated in family health encyclo-

> mouth first show as white patches, leucoplakia. Some malignancies are initially white but the overwhelming major-ity of these prove to be benign after they have, quite correctly, been

paedias, is that tumours in the

biopsied.

The more dangerous patches in the mouth which have a very much **DRTHOMAS** STUTTAFORD higher rate of malignancy are those which appear red from the very first. A persistent red inflamed area which may have a velvety appearance is an ominous sign of danger ahead and needs immediate attention.

> ANY change in the appearance of the lining of the mouth, whether it is red or white, and which lasts for more than three weeks despite treatment, needs an expert opinion and biopsy. Recent press reports recounted the story of a man who had had a tongue reconstructed after

His first action on returning home, after pioneering surgery which has enabled him once again to talk and drink, was to visit his

He wanted to wish his old cronies good health and enjoy a few pints. It was an unwisc drinking and any other habit which leaves the



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TransCo future in doubt

Price curbs threaten **British Gas**

By Christine Buckley

THE futures of TransCo, the profitable pipelines division of British Gas, and the restructuring of the whole company were thrown into doubt yesterday by price control plans from Ofgas that exceeded City fears.

In a harsh exchange between the company and Ofgas, Philip Rogerson, deputy chairman of British Gas, and the man who will be responsible for one of the biggest demergers in industry, said that the price curbs threw into question the regulatory procedure and threatened to destablise the industry. He said that the controls would be

SFA takes no action on copper company

By GEORGE SIVELL

THE commodity group owned by Charlie "Cop-perfingers" Vincent and Ashley Levitt, who were paid around £10 million a year each, yesterday said it would not be disciplined by the Securities and Futures Authority. Winchester, where Lord

Parkinson, the former Conservative minister, is contemplating taking a non-executive chairmanship, yesterday said that it had been notified by the SFA that there were no plans for disciplinary action. Mr Levitt and Mr Vincent are still shareholders in Winchester but are no longer directors because they live abroad.

However, a copy of a letter from the SFA to Winchester's solicitors, seen by The Times, points out that the SFA's enforcement committee "was concerned that there were issues raised by this case which might have implications for the future relationship between SFA and Winchester Broker-

age Limited".
"The committee has therefore asked that the senior executive officer of WBL should meet with Richard Farrant, the SFA chief executive, and an executive director in order to obtain reassurance that WBL is fully committed to compliance with SFA's rules." The SFA letter stated, however, that the SFA's enforcement committee "has decided not to initiate

disciplinary action". It is believed that the SFA originally became con-cerned by seven trades Winchester carried out on behalf of Codelco, the Chilean copper trading company.

"one of the biggest smash and grab raids ever and could destroy this industry at a time

After Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, stunned the company and the market with could drain £850 million a year in revenues from TransCo, Mr Rogerson said: "This business cannot be run

on the basis of these proposals." He gave warning that the workforce would have to halve, to 10,000, and that maintenance and safety would be jeopardised. The two sides are locked in

dispute over the valuations of the business, an issue that seems certain to go to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The price caps, proposed at a one-off hit of 20 to 28 per cent on revenues next year, and at RPI-5 thereafter, would, it is estimated, halve dividend prospects. Such financial constriction

would make the demerger of TransCo from British Gas trading, the supply business. extremely difficult. Valuation of the division would be complex during an MMC inquiry expected to last several months and when prospects for the business would not inspire new investment. One analyst said: "These proposals are far worse than our most bearish stance. Ofgas has been unremittingly harsh on every figure. It is difficult to imagine who will invest in this business now and it is hard to see how the demerger can be

made convincing." Mr Rogerson said the demerger, scheduled for completion by spring next year. would proceed as planned. Ms Spottiswoode, who blames British Gas for over-

valuing its assets by as much as £8 billion, has made clear that she will not move outside the range of curbs announced yesterday. She says the tariff reductions to the independent gas shippers will feed through to price reductions to consumers of up to £50 a year. She "The proposed targets are challenging, but in our view achievable. They represent a fair balance between the interests of customers and the

But British Gas, faced with reduced rate of return of between 5.9 per cent and 7.6 per cent and the revaluation of its assets, is complaining of interventionist regulation. Harry Moulson, managing director of TransCo, said: "We nationalised industry.

interests of shareholders."

The company claims she has introduced retrospective regulation, revaluing the business on historic figures and "re-writing the prospectus for the 1986 privatisation".

The Gas Consumers Councalled for separation of the pipelines division from the rest of Britency and clear regulation. It says demerger plans, which lump the pipelines operation with offshore exploration and production and global activities, will not enable proper valuation of the network.

There will be consultation between Ofgas and British Gas until June, when the regulator will deliver her final target. If British Gas refuses to accept those curbs, the company will be referred to the MMC.

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Howard Davies said many companies operated a simple policy of removing over-50s, taking the cost on the pension fund

Business sees the wisdom of age

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders yesterday launched an initiative to end age discrimination at work though they ruled out new legislation to outlaw it.

Leaders of 18 prominent UK business organisations, led by the Bank of England, joined to promote the value to business of mixed-age workforces, and especially of both attracting and retained experienced employees regardless of age.

Most of the force of the Employers' Forum on Age will focus on older people at work. Business leaders suggested staff, 50 was now the age at which companies started to consider shedding people, and in terms of recruitment, 40 was often a key threshold.

British Airways said that by the year 2000 more than 20 per cent of its customers would be over 60, and it needed a wide age mix among its employees to reflect that. Cadbury said it deployed mature employees to pass on the specialised techniques of chocolate-making to younger staff.

Organisations involved in the EFA include the Bank, BA, BBC, Marks and Spencer,

Post Office, WH Smith, J Sainsbury, Commercial Union, Unigate, BT and B&Q.

Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, and other business leaders rejected the idea of new legislation to make age discrimination illegal, maintaining that even if such laws were introduced, some employers would find ways round them though they accepted 30-40 per cent of all recruitment advertis-

ing mentions age. But business leaders were unspecific about what companies should do to combat age discrimination - other than not firing people just because they were older, and failing to hire older people.

Mr Davies said: "In recent years many employers, under pressure to cut workforces, have operated a simple policy of removing over 50s, taking the cost on the pension fund." Bill Cockburn, chief executive of WH Smith, said the bottom line case for companies employing older people, in terms of reduced labour turnover and absenteeism, was so strong it was

almost too obvious to state.

BUSINESS **TODAY**

NORTH SEA OIL

Gap in orders costs 600 Yarrow jobs

ALMOST 600 jobs are being lost at the Yarrow shipyard on the Clyde because of a gap in

the order book. The redundancies were announced yesterday, just three months after the yard was awarded a £400 million order by the Ministry of Defence to

build three Type 23 frigates.
It is the second blow for workers at the Glasgow yard in recent months. A total of 430 people have already been made redundant since February. A spokesman said: "We always said there would be a second batch of redundancies. We thought that would be in April. We have managed to hold it off until May."

Slowdown for factory gate prices

PRICES charged by British factories in April showed their lowest annual growth since December 1994 despite a surge in the cost of imported crude oil and food. City economists predicted that retail price inflation will continue to drop in the months ahead,

helping to keep base rates low. Manufacturers' input prices rose by a seasonally adjusted 0.8 per cent in April after a 1 per cent increase in March. according to the Office for National Statistics. The annual rate of increase rose to 3.1 per cent from 2.8 per cent.

The increase in input prices last month was bigger than the 0.4 per cent that the City had been expecting. However, the rise largely related to higher crude oil and food prices. Core input prices which strip out food, drink. tobacco and petroleum products — rose by 0.3 per cent in the month. This took the yearcent, the first year-on-year drop since early 1994. This, together with a sub-

dued rise in output prices, helped the markets to absorb the news with little concern. Output prices rose by 0.3 per cent in April, depressing the annual rate of output price inflation to 3.2 per cent from 3.5 per cent in March. Excluding food, drink, tobacco and petrol, core output prices rose by a seasonally adjusted 0.1 per cent, taking the annual rate of increase down to 2.8 per cent from 3.4 per cent.

Michael Saunders, UK economist at Salomon Brothers, said that the recent surge in food and oil prices could low inflation if sustained, but

be. He noted that sterlingdenominated oil prices had slipped in recent weeks.

He said that the recent slide in output prices bodes well for the inflation outlook in the year ahead, with retail prices tending to follow output prices with a six-to-t2-month lag. These figures leave base rates Pennington, page 29

Housing market begins to stir

THE modest recovery on Brit-ain's high streets appears to be continuing with some evidence that stirrings of life in the housing market are now helping to buoy spending

(Janet Bush writes). The British Retail Consortium today said the value of like for-like retail trade, which strips out changes in floor space, rose only 0.4 per cent in April against a year ago, a far

cry from the 7.5 per cent jump recorded in March. However, the BRC said both sets of figures were distorted because of the timing of Easter. Easter was nine days earlier this year, putting the big pre-Easter selling week in March instead of April.

The BRC said taking March and April together, the yearon-year rise in sales was 4.4 per cent higher than a year ago. This represents a modest strengthening from the average growth rates of 4 per cent over the winter months and quite a healthy acceleration from the 2.7 per cent average for the whole of last year.

Cold weather in April hit clothing and footwear sales but a strongish performance by furniture retailers appeared to confirm anecdotal evidence of a housing pick-up.

Boardroom departure at WH Smith

By Sarah Bagnali

THE restructuring of WH Smith, the retail group, under Bill Cockburn, the new chief executive, has resulted in the boardroom departure of David Roberts, managing director of distribution and services. Mr Roberts, 53, could

receive compensation for loss of office of about £360,000 as a result of his two-year service contract and annual pay of £180,000. Jeremy Hardie, chair-man, said Mr Roberts "agreed that there is no longer a need for the post he had been filling and is now keen to develop his other business interests". Mr Roberts was chairman of Niceday, WH Smith's business supplies operation sold last month for E142 million

to Guilbert of France.

BAe and Matra deal on target

By Paul Durman

BRITISH AEROSPACE has finally cleared the last of the commercial obstacles standing in the way of its longrunning attempt to merge its missile business with Matra Hachette of France. The two missile businesses

will be combined in a £900 million a year operation that will be known as Matra BAe Dynamics. This will be a French company, headquartered in London, with a British chairman and a French chief

BAe has agreed to pay up to £110 million to Lagardere, the owner of Matra Hachette and a 50/50 partner in the new joint venture. The amount payable will depend on the success the new company has in bidding for defence contracts over the next four years. The first fruits of the deal

may be seen in the next couple of months. The Government will shortly award a £800 million contract for the Typhoon tank-buster missile and a £650 million contract for a conventional stand-off missile (Casom). A BAe spokesman said that

the merged business would be more effective in competing for missile contracts. The merger, which has been

under discussion for more than three years, was stalled while the French Government tried to persuade the Ministry of Defence to award the Casom contract to the new сотрапу.

BAe and Matra Hachette will still need to secure various regulatory approvals for the

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Engineers will put **UK** employees on works councils

BRITISH companies affected by Brussels' plans to bring in LEuropean-style works counecils will all include their UK uemployees on the new bodies n in spite of the Government's Social chapter opt-out, engi-eneering industry leaders said

The findings of the EEF Cengineering employers, after I consulting widely among UK cngineering companies, mark (a contrast between the pragmatic approach of business to the introduction of European works councils (EWCs) and the strong opposition voiced by government ministers and

national business leaders. EEF leaders drew some criticism from engineering companies for mounting a series of regional meetings on EWCs, with some companies arguing that it not only undermined the social chapter opt-out negotiated from the Maastricht treaty by the Prime Minister, but also

would actively encourage EWC formation.

Reporting back yesterday, EEF leaders said a clear majority had only just started to think about the introduction of EWCs and a significant minority had undertaken no planning for them at all. An EU directive comes into force on September 22.

Though the opt-out means many companies will be unaffacted by the directive, those with transnational interests will be and some are reaching negotiated agreements in advance.

Peter Reid, EEF European affairs co-ordinator, said yesterday the EEF's exercise showed that no UK company affected by the EWC directive had said they would exclude their British employees from any consultation structures they established. The conclutheir employees will be affect-

ed by EWCs, despite the opt-out. Currently, some 30 UK companies have negotiated EWC-style deals, and EEF leaders expect that number to rise to about 40, or possibly 50, by the time the EWC directive

falls due later this year.
The EEF said yesterday that this would leave some 100 UK companies negotiating from September under a legallydetermined process already set in place by Brussels.

Across Europe, a further 900 companies would be in this position. The EEF calculates that there will be about 300 voluntary agreements in place from about 1,500 companies affected.

UK subsidiaries of com-panies headquartered in countries such as the US and Canada are concerned, according to the EEF's consultation exercise, that the EWC directive will be a further cost hurdle to operating in Europe. with little or no benefit.



Cards close to their chests: John Jackson, left, with Peter George, chief executive, played down merger talk yesterday

Ladbroke lengthens merger odds

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

JOHN JACKSON, chairman of Ladbroke, yesterday played down speculation of a possible merger with Hilton Hotels Corporation of the US, describing talks between the two companies as "at

Mr Jackson said at the company's annual meeting that talks between the two companies over re-uniting the Hilton

International chain while Hilton Hotels has the rights to the Hilton name in the US. Speculation had grown in recent weeks that the two companies would seek a full merger.

But Stephen Bollenbach, chief executive of Hilton Hotels, said last week that while a merger of the two hotel operations might be possible. Hilton was not

chains of hotels were exploring a number interested in joining forces with of avenues. Ladbroke owns the Hilton Ladbroke's gaming division. Mr Jackson Ladbroke's gaming division. Mr Jackson added that Ladbroke's performance in the first four months of this year had been satisfactory with profits ahead of the corresponding period of last year. The hotel division increased occupancy levels by one percentage point while revenue per room jumped 8 per cent.

Ladbroke shares closed down 20 at

Jobs go as **Powerstore** outlets close

By SARAH BAGNALL

MORE than 250 jobs have been lost as a result of last month's collapse of Powerstore, the electrical retailer formed out of the high street stores of three regional electricity companies.

Arthur Andersen, administrator to the electrical group. yesterday announced the clo-sure of 31 of the group's 85 stores. David Duggins, a partner of Arthur Andersen, said: "There are a number of cases where an electrical retail outlet in the high street is clearly not viable in the face of the competition from out-of-town stores. Furthermore, in the case of some superstores, there is already substantial overca-pacity in out-of-town loca-tions." Of the stores closed, seven are superstores.

The remaining 54 stores remain open. Mr Duggins said: "We have received many expressions of interest in the

assets of the businesses. The group was formed from a management buyout in 1993 of London Electricity's retail outlets, which were then merged with 71 Homepower stores, acquired from East Midlands Electricity and Yorkshire Electricity, the joint owners.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Court blow for T&N over asbestos claims

T&N suffered a setback vesterday when a US court appeared to open the door to more expensive asbestos litigation. Shares in the automotive components group fell 11p to 164p when T&N revealed that a court had ruled against the "Georgine" Settlement, a procedure whereby all claims for injury due to asbestos are settled through an arbitration procedure. T&N said vesterday that the injunction requiring claimants to use the procedure could cease in 21 days.

T&N said: "Should the injunction cease, it seems likely that the number and cost of new US health-related claims filed against T&N may be greater than under only the 'Georgine'

Cocoa at 8-year high

BUBBLING world cocoa prices whisked to eight-year highs yesterday as speculators bet on scarce supplies in the coming season sending values even higher. Traders said cocca has been flavour of the past two months on the London Commodity Exchange where huge positions had been built in order to get hold of cocoa before the new harvest season which starts in October. The price for July delivery cocoa soared to £1,138 a tonne, a level not seen since January 1988.

Workfare redundant

THE Government made clear yesterday its opposition to US-style workfare, state-provided work schemes that the unemployed are compelled to take part in or lose their social benefits. The Government's statement represents its first formal rejection of workfare, an idea much beloved on the political right as a way of reducing the number of "workshy" benefit claimants. The rejection of workfare came in its reponse to the former Commons all-party Employment Select Committee's report on the issue.

Fokker rescue possible

FOKKER, the bankrupt Dutch planemaker, was inching to a possible rescue by Jaap Rosen Jacobson, a businessman, yesterday, but the firm's main suppliers said that they had given the receivers just two more weeks to secure a salvage. Short Brothers, which supplies wings made in Belfast, said it and Daimler Benz Aerospace were negotiating delivery of more supplies to Fokker, but that the Dutch firm would have to find a rescuer before the end of May. Two other interested groups have yet to deliver proposals.

Apple to cut models

APPLE COMPUTERS will seek to dramatically reduce costs by cutting the number of computer models it sells, Gilbert Amelio, the chief executive, said yesterday. He said the company will cut the number of models in half during the next 12 months and focus on its Mac operating system. paring back to one operating system from six. Apple hoped to reduce its costs so that the company can be profitable at \$9 billion in revenues, or \$2 billion below last year's sales. Mr Amelio said.

Coventry drops CU

FALLING demand for endowment mortgages has led the Coventry Building Society to end its association with Commercial Union. The society has been selling the insurer's policies and said yesterday that a review had indicated that more borrowers would be choosing straightforward repayment mortgages. Fears that some endowment policies would not yield sufficient cash to repay loans in full has boosted sales of traditional

Airbus change wins support

MINISTERS responsible for the individual countries participating in Airbus Industrie. the civil aerospace consortium, said that they supported turning Airbus into a single corporate entity.

Norbert Lammert, who is responsible for aerospace issues in the German economics ministry, said: "We feel the intended structural changes must take place as quickly as

However, several of the ministers said that the final form that the company will take is not dear. Herr Lammert, speaking at a conference for the international Air and Space Exhibition in Berlin, added: "The objective is one common European

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On the surface, the initial proposals look so silly that they would be a bit of a giggle, were not fill billion of private assets, the safety of the nation's gas supply and the future of 20,000 employees at stake. The directorgeneral claims that the review strikes a fair balance between shareholders and consumers and allows "an appropriate re-turn" to investors. The figures put this in perspective.

Ofgas projects that net cash flow available to pay interest on loans and dividends will fall from E721 million in 1996 to between £92 million and £273 million in 1998, if TransCo meets Ofgas efficiency and growth targets. British Gas has borrowings of about £3 billion and last paid a dividend of £630 million. of for which TransCo provided about 80 per cent.

No-one has even suggested this strikes a fair balance for employees. TransCo reckons it would have to sack half of them to meet Ofgas targets, but could not safely do so. Employees can

Renationalising British Gas

certainly not expect to maintain their living standards. They will continue to be the chief victims of the current regulatory regime.

As the director-general explained, however, this is "an intellectual review". Otherwise, how could Ofgas reckon it was generous to investors. In the practical world, British Gas shares have risen by less than two fifths of the all-share average since privatisation and have actually failed to keep up with inflation, falling in real terms over a full decade. Ofgas manoeuvres charges down by redefining the value of assets. discounting depreciation and then reducing the rate of return. because TransCo is a low-risk investment. In reality, Ofgas has fallen into the regulatory trap of turning TransCo into a high-risk business needing above average returns to be worth touching.

This is where the politics come in. An ambitious regulator cannot afford a review acceptable to the company, for fear of looking weak. This review is meant to end up with the MMC. It is also a blueprint for a Labour government to eliminate utility investors without having to buy back their assets. Ofgas has already informed Labour's attitude to Railtrack, one reason why rail

investors should be short-term. This plan would, in effect, renationalise most of British Gas. Instead of merely preventing monopoly price rises, regula-tion can be a proxy for ownership, turning the utility into no more than a captured licensed contractor. This is an interesting model, but possibly not quite what Conservatives had in mind.

An answer to Taylor's prayers

☐ MARTIN TAYLOR appears pretty cheesed off with the stock market these days. Used to being a City darling while at Courtaulds Textiles, the Barclays chief executive is finding life as head of a poorly rated high street bank

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week, Mr Taylor told a banking conference in the French town of Annecy that the markets appear to think Barclays' management constitutes "a bunch of idiots". adding: "It is my job to prove them wrong."

But how will he do this? Through a slow slog of well-behaved results, keeping growth in tight reign for fear of stepping on a landmine. Or through some radical solution that proves Mr Taylor is indeed the breath of fresh air the banking market has been waiting for.

For a while, Mr Taylor has been showing analysts a chart

dividing Barclays into four businesses - personal, corporate and investment banking and asset management.

He denies that this is either a corporate structure or a template for a demerger. But Martin Hughes, at Credit Lyonnais Laing, the stockbroker, has done a "what if?" study on the possibility of demerging the latter two, which are contained within Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

The result could be the answer to Mr Taylor's prayers. Hughes reckons that floating a minority stake in BZW would value that business at around £2.5 billion. Valuing the rest on a same rating as the bank that they would most resemble, Lloyds TSB, would give a price tag of at least the current Barclays market value, of £12 billion.

It seems like a sleight of hand. But recent regulatory changes mean that having an asset-rich retail bank does not help the capital ratios of an investment bank in the same group. And the value released at Mr Taylor's old

to breathe life into the housing market. It did not work. Few borrowers are moving house, but customers like the idea of a few thousand pounds every couple of years just for moving their loan about. Not surprisingly, the lenders are getting a bit anxious and begin-

that invented the schemes to try

ning to admit that they cannot afford to keep on handing out large cheques to new customers. but they also cannot afford to be the first ones to say enough is enough or they will lose precious market share.

They feel there is little to gain from continuing to offer such largesse but everything to gain from being a meanie. For once, it looks like the Building Societies Commission is riding to their rescue in the form of Geoffrey Fitchew, who will be warning societies at their annual conference this week that they must place limits on the proportion of lending that is discounted or has a cashback attached if they are not to put themselves at risk. Many would secretly like the commission to go further, or for the might of the building society movement to walk away from such costly girnmicks. Cus-tomers should buy now before the cheques bounce.

Standard Life to sell £900m stake in Bank of Scotland

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE Bank of Scotland was tipped as a takeover target yesterday after it confirmed that Standard Life, a big shareholder, was planning to sell its 32.2 per cent stake.

The shares rose 14p to 2522p as the City speculated that possible buyers for the holding, estimated at about £900 million, included HSBC, Midland Bank's parent, NatWest Bank, Abbey National and the Halifax Building Society that might use it to launch a full bid.

Meanwhile, Standard Life, a leading mutual life company and one of Britain's biggest investors, stressed that its the stake, which it had held for more than 11 years, did not affect its business partnerships with Bank of Scotland. Bank of Scotland, whose governor is Sir Bruce Pattullo, sells Standard Life general and life insurance products through its branches and is the preferred bank to run the deposit-taking service Stan-dard has planned for launch later this year.

A spokeswoman said: "This does not affect the plans for the

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banking service which are still at an embryonic stage." Neither side was willing

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yesterday to indicate what

percentage of the stake would be sold. Shares in Royal Bank of Scotland, which had also been tipped as a takeover target, fell yesterday and SBC Warburg advised clients to switch out of Royal Bank into Bank of Scotland and downgraded Royal Bank to a "hold" from a "speculative buy".

Some reports had suggested that Standard Life wanted to sell its stake because it was uneasy at Bank of Scotland's acquisition of the Bank of Western Australia last year, a move it might have seen as speculative. A merger between Royal Bank of Scotland and



Bank of Scotland might incur intervention by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission because of questions over competition rules. Scott Bell, group managing

director of Standard Life, said: The investment has been a very good one for us with above-average earnings and dividend growth but it now represents in excess of 6 per cent of our UK equity portfolio. This is a large proportion for a single investment. Standard Life continues to have confidence in Bank of Scotland's future prospects and strategies. but we nevertheless believe it could be in the interests of our policyholders to rebalance ou equity portfolio by realising

Standard Life, which has denied that it is considering plans for a stock market flotation, might use the cash to buy a small mutual life insurer or a building society. Both the general and life sectors of insurance in the UK are currently in a state of turmoil as companies merge and consolidate. Alternatively, it could use the extra cash to increase its solvency margin, or reinvest it in other UK equities.

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Kunick optimistic on gaming laws

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

eye care and skin products. announced yesterday that its merger talks with Pharmacia and Upjohn had The merger, which would have given Pharmacia and before exceptional items, to E4 Upjohn a platform for a new glaucoma product, would have valued Aller-

gan at \$2.5 billion. Allergan has grown rapidly since 1989 when it was hived off from Smithkline during its merger with Bee-charn and had revenues last year of \$1.07 billion. A third of its business is contact lens care products. in which it has II per cent of the world market. This would fit well with Phar-

KUNICK, the gaming and leisure company, blamed a heavy investment programme for a flat half year as the company yesterday unveiled a 3 per cent increase in profits,

The company insisted that the second half would be stronger, with new gaming deregulation coming into effect that will allow fruit machines to pay out all-cash prizes and to be placed on betting shop premises. Kunick was also optimistic about the introduciton of the new Smilin' Sam's food and fruit machine ventures.

Russell Smith, chief executive, said: "Reorganisation in France and the introduction of new gaming machines in the

UK cost around El million in profits for the first half. But the introduction of the new \$10 all-cash machine will be a major benefit and will expand the market."

Profits from the core UK gaming machines division had increased by 16 per cent. helped by new contracts and an increase in the maximum payout from £6 to £8. Profits from the French gaming sub-sidiary fell by £500,000 after restructuring costs.

The French nursing division increased profits by 68 per cent. The company said it was looking to dispose of the business in the medium term. The interim dividend was

raised by 20 per cent to 0.3p. Shares in the company tell 4p

Treasury reaction troubles business leaders

PFI hits another setback

By PAUL DURMAN

BUSINESS leaders yesterday expressed dismay at the Treasury's reaction to the latest setback to the Private Finance Andersen Consulting is hav-

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ing to shoulder more than £10 million of additional costs after falling behind schedule on the delivery of a new computer system for handling

National Insurance records. The Treasury said the heavy costs being borne by Andersen showed that PFI worked and, in one report, an official said the Treasury was delighted by the huge compensation payment. Charles Cox, an executive director of Hoskyns. the computer services company, and chairman of the Confederation of British Industry's PFI working group, said that he was appalled by the tone of the Government's reaction. "It will frighten a lot of potential suppliers."

Mr Cox said that the Treasury reaction exposed the cultural problems the PFI faced. Civil servants were keen to offload project risks on to private sector businesses, but unwilling to redefine objectives as work got under way and the difficulties became

better understood. Alan Ste-

vens, managing director of the social security division of EDS, the computer services company, said: "The Government should not expect to shovel all the risks over the fence into the arms of the

Andersen said the taxpaver was saving millions of pounds a year thanks to the company taking over the running of the NI computer systems.

It dismissed industry talk of a E25 million bill for compensation and additional running costs. It said it still hoped to make money on the contract, which runs until 2004.

Stakis develops a healthy interest in fitness

By Alasdair Murray

STAKIS, the leisure company, moved into the health and fitness market yesterday with the £20 million purchase of LivingWell Health and Leisure company. Stakis already has 25 fitness clubs

based in the company's hotels but said the latest purchase would enable it to build a stand-alone business. Living-

Well has five city centre clubs in operation, with a total membership of 12,500, and fast year made an operating profit of £1 million. Stakis said it was aiming to open another six clubs a year over the next few years, while rebranding the existing hotel clubs.

Stakis also announced yesterday the appointment of Anthony Harris as managing director of Stakis hotels. Mr Harris, who is currently a senior

vice-president of ITT Sheraton/Ciga Hotels with reponsibility for the company's Italian resorts, will also serve as a director on the main board.

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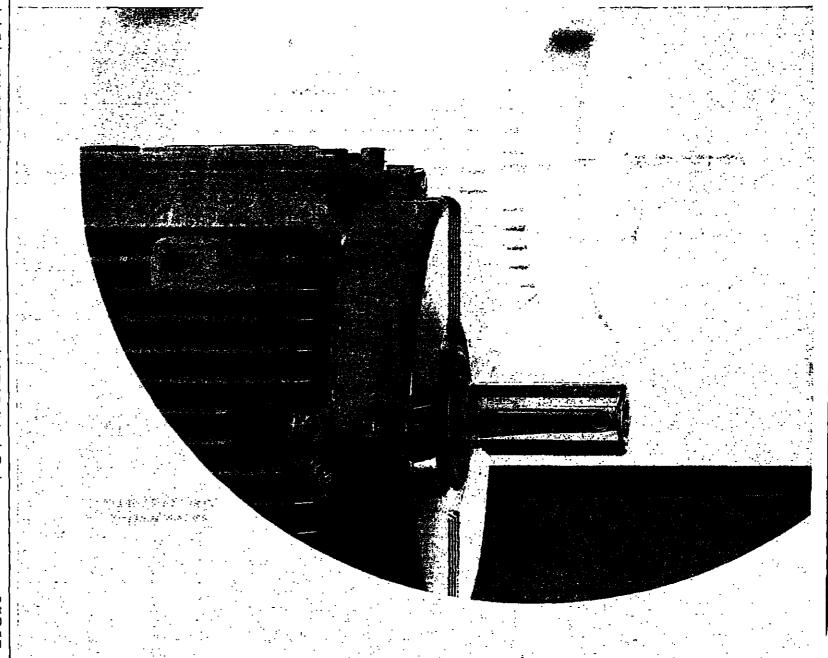
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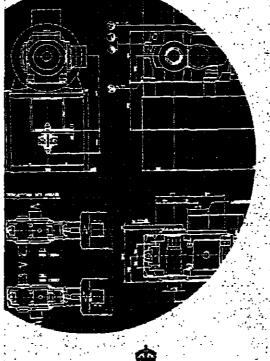
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The company added that it had completed a strategic review of its operations and was setting a target of per cent annual earnings growth, while maintaining long-term gearing at about 50 per cent. Stakis is aiming to expand its casino interests abroad

and will concentrate on meeting yield growth and development capital expenditure targets in its hotel division.

David Michels, chief executive, said: "The strategy we have unveiled today and the acquisition we have announced will carry us forward to an even more successful future." Shares in the company rose 2p to close at 110p.





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British Gas shares hit for £1.2bn by Ofgas review

THE equity market was unset-tled as British Gas dived 27p to 201p, on heavy turnover of 54.0 million shares, after Clare Sportiswoode, of Ofgas, the gas regulator, shocked the City by unveiling a tougherthan-expected price review.

The share price fall, which wiped nearly El.2 billion off the company's market value, was exacerbated by considerable put options activity and the harshness of the Ofgas statement. Ofgas has called for cuts of between 20 per cent and 28 per cent in the first year at TransCo. the group's demerged pipeline and transportation business. British Gas rejected what it called draconian proposals and threatened to go to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The company said its revenues would be slashed by more than its current profits. while jobs and dividends would also suffer.

British Gas was the dominating factor for equities, with the fall in its share price accounting for more than six points off the FT-SE 100 index. Ex-dividends in a number of stocks including BP, General Accident and SmithKline Beecham wiped a further three points off the index. A positive start to trading on Wall Street failed to lift London and the FT-SE 100 index ended down 15.2 points at 3.739.2 in thin conditions. Volume reached only 674 million shares.

Meanwhile, the speculators turned their attention on to Bank of Scotland, the oldest financial institution in Scotland. The bank's independence was placed under threat after Standard Life, the insurance group, said it was considering selling all or part of its 32.2 per cent stake. A possible stake sale is seen as putting the Bank of Scotland in play as a takeover target, driving the shares up 14p to 252 p, on heavy volume of 10.6 million shares. City analysts said if the shares, acquired in 1985. are put on the market, the bank would be wide open to a UK rival seeking expansion or a foreign predator, possibly from Germany. If the entire stake is sold to a single buyer. the purchaser would obliged to make a full bid

under City takeover rules. British Aerospace rose Ilp aerospace group announced a missiles joint venture with Matra, the French defence company. BAe and Matra

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Alan Peterson, left, and John Dobby, chief executive, of Meyer

have agreed to merge their missile businesses under Matra BAe Dynamics. The deal is between BAe and Matra Hachette, a subsidiary of the Lagardère Groupe. Under the deal. BAe will pay between £50 million and £110 million, depending on the relative number of orders won by the product lines of the two companies over the next four

launching a £600 million bid for the building materials group that owns the Jewson chain of builders' merchants. headed by Alan Peterson. Wolseley fell 3p to 458p.

There was continued support for selected biotech issues. An upbeat statement helped Cortecs, which unveiled positive results for one of its product trials for lung

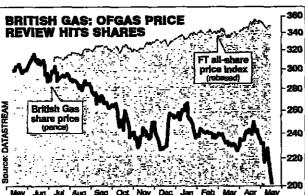
Keep an eye on Pex, the children's sock manufacturer and distributor that plans to invest £1 million in new machinery this month to lift capacity 20 per cent. Analysts expect current year profits of £450.000, putting the shares, unchanged at 5½p, on an attractive p/e multiple of 6.6.

years. BAe said it would back Lagardere's bid to gain control of Thomson CSF, the French electronics group.

Elsewhere in the engineering sector, Panmure Gordon advised a switch from TI Group, down 5p at 54lp, into Siebe, up lp to 863p.

speculation helped Meyer International to gain llp to 448p, with talk that Wolseley may be considering

while Shire Pharmaceuticals gained 12p to 200p on the launch of a new vitamin tablet and British Biotech climbed 22p to £29.55 ahead of a cancer treatment update this month.



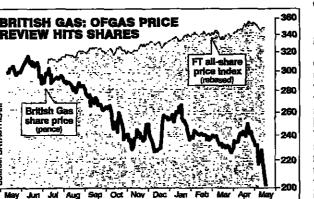
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back 43p to 533p. Ladbroke eased 2p to 187p after the leisure group confirmed at its annual meeting that it is in "early stage" talks with Hilton Corporation of the US on ways of re-uniting the Hilton brand, Ladbroke's betting and gaming profits were marginally down.

Lucas Industries dipped lp

BAA and Hammerson.

Elsewhere, Telspec partly

recovered from last week's

profit warning inspired tum-ble, with the shares bouncing

to 233p as the automotive components group encountered some profit-taking as the market awaits the outcome of merger talks with Varity Corporation, its US rival. The shares encountered a two-way pull, unsettled by the prospect that the Lucas Pension Scheme, which has restructured £3 billion of assets, will reduce its 6.11 per cent shareholding in Lucas.

Hambros was unchanged at 237p in spite of a buy recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker. Martin Hughes at CLL said Hambros is "firing on all cylinders", with the Hambros Countrywide and Hambros Insurance subsidiaries thought to be doing well, while the group's core M&A activi-ties are said to be booming with more than £2 billion of deals so far this year.

Premiere Group was the latest new issue to make a solid debut, with the shares rising to 1430 before settling at 138p, compared with a placing price of 133p.

GILT-EDGED: The gilt market had a quiet day. There was little impact from the April producer prices data. a temporary uptick shortlived as attention switched to today's Bank of England inflation report and other economic figures due later this week, including unemployment, inflation and PSBR data.

The June series of the long ilt future fell five ticks to £106232, as a mere 29.000 contracts were traded. Among conventional stocks, shorts were virtually unchanged. while losses stretched to £4 among longer-dated issues. □ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street regained their strength, with the high technology sector strong, and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 16.06 points higher at 5,534.21.

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Anglo-French missive

FRENCH politics, rather than commercial dealing, appear to be behind yesterday's announcement of the creation of a missile joint venture by British Aerospace and Matra. Talks between Lagardère, the French group which owns Matra, and BAe over the tie-up have been on and off since 1993. Yesterday's message said little new except to confirm that BAe and Lagardère would be equal parmers subject to an adjusting payment depending on the state of their respective order books.

The trouble has been that the French wanted the British Government to bless the marriage with a fat contract from the Ministry of Defence, but the MoD rightly objected to being bounced into such a deal and insisted on putting the contract out to tender. Since then, times have changed and the Chirac administration is in the process of

shaking up the French defence industry and privatising Thomson, the defence and electronics group and Lagardere has indicated it would dearly love to have the defence bit.

What is behind all this is the gradual move to create a pan-European defence business that can effectively compete with the huge US defence combines, such as Hughes and Lockheed Martin. BAe has cut huge amounts of cost from its missile operation but it needs to be bigger to win orders. The merger with Matra will enable the company to expand on the combined research and development

Opposing such developments is the amour propre of the French government which is reluctant to see foreign control of vital technology. However with insufficient clout, the technology may end up being less vital.

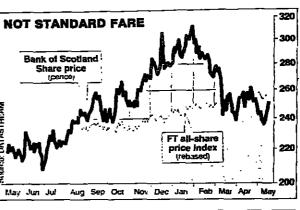
Bank of Scotland

STANDARD Life's decision to sell its stake in the Bank of Scotland set tongues wagging in Charlotte Square, Edinburgh's financial community. Was this a sign that Standard Life was cutting loose before a stock market flotation? Alternatively, was Standard caught up in the fashion for building societies and needed cash to finance a bid. Some even wondered whether the insurer disapproved of the bank's expansion in Australia.

Conspiracy theories are always more interesting than simple explanations, and few analysts accepted the explanation that Standard was simply reducing its exposure to one investment

Bank of Scotland has served Standard well: it has been a solid steady investment with good dividend growth and at one time the two might have merged. Various new suitors have now been proposed although a takeover would be expensive. Bank of Scotland is efficiently run and an English buyer would find very little overlap in the branch network and few cost

savings. Its shares have risen on hopes that a strategic buyer might launch a full bid, but it is just as likely that a placing will scatter the shares among institutions. This latter would probably cause a price correction, and disappointment for shareholders who were banking on accepting an offer from a generous predator.



Stakis

STAKIS is the latest leisure company to catch the fitness bug. Until recently, health and fitness fanatics were serviced by a series of flabby private companies. Recently, however, quoted companies have started muscling in on this growing market.

Stakis already has experience in this market but it has taken the precaution of acquiring a management team to run its new health club venture. The attraction of this market is fashion. Health club users are willing to pay high prices for the newest equipment, and membership confers a social cachet as much as a place to exercise. Members are only too willing to pay to keep up appearances.

With consumer spending on the rise, the Stakis move is well timed. The market is young and offers plenty of room for growth even when discretionary consumer spending begins to decline.

kets. Its hotel division continues to impress, while the company's casinos should benefit from deregulation measures and expansion abroad. Stakis shares look pricey, at a rating of 19 times earnings, but with good growth prospects there is no reason to sell your membership yet.

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noned in three growing mar-

T&N

GLIMMERS of light at the end of the asbestos tunnel have appeared and vanished so often for T&N that investors would do best to ignore them. Yesterday's news that the procedures established under the "Georgine" settlement may be crumbling away is another potential blow to T&N, not so much because of the potential for huge claims but huge legal

The main attraction of Georgine was that it enabled

without recourse to expensive litigation. But that is not in the interests of American personal injury lawyers who, like estate agents, work on commission and therefore tend to encourage their clients go to court in pursuit of a big win.

Asbestos-related diseases

such as mesothelioma take

up to 60 years to show, a time lag that leaves T&N with a long tail of liabilities that it cannot avoid. The collarse of Georgine will increase the legal and administrative cost of servicing the claims. For T&N, that increases the need to generate more cash from its business at at time when its customers, the automotive manufacturers, are demanding more investment in research and development. The best solution for T&N would be a partnership with another components group but one of the candidates, Lucas, has its eyes set on a different deal.

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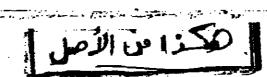
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not justified economically. How would the Conservative right like campaigning on the nation's doorsteps just



Seeing double

HAVING made it to four issues, Sunday Business is facing double jeopardy over an attack on Loot, the free advertising news-paper. The hapless weekly is being sued by Loot for libel after claiming that half of the goods advertised in it were stolen. Loot has also noticed a striking similarity between that piece and one written last vear by the same inumalist in Business Age ... Sun-day Business founder Tom Rubython's previous pub-

Short cuts

SIR DAVID SIMON. hailed KPMG businessman of the year at the Savoy Hotel yesterday, said he kept his speech decidedly short to make room for politician and guest speaker Peter Mandelson. In the words of Alf Danaher. Fifties boxing champion. the BP chairman sniffed: "I'd like to thank my manager, (sniff) my train-er, (sniff) and all those that made this victory pos-sible." He also quoted Elizabeth Taylor's sixth husband: "You've made an old man very happy."

Taxing times

NOT content with introducing self-assessment and endless tax returns, the Inland Revenue's latest wheeze is to send out weighty questionnaires, asking taxpayers to answer endless questions on its level of service. The letter, which begins "Dear Taxpayer", asks respondents to evaluate the following: "The service I get from the Inland Revenue is very impersonal, it's just



IT WAS champagne and cake at Charterhouse vesterday, to celebrate ten years since the opening of the London office of its stockbroking arm. Victor Blank, chairman, surprised staff, creeping up with a cake for Mike Orsborn, head of sales at Charterhouse Tilney.

'Morning all'

PETER GEORGE. chief executive of the Ladbroke Group, was almost halfway through his speech at the company's AGM yesterday, when a familiar face barged its way into the room. The interloper, who frequently tries to break his way into champagne and canapes-filled parties, is well-known at the London Hilton, but hasn't made it past the hotel lobby before. After knocking two damsels down, the perpetual gatecrasher of interims and prelims was ejected in fairly short order.

Only the best

THE Confederation of British Industry is regularly giving warning of the effects of raising salaries too severely. Its personnel department has clearly taken this to heart. In its search for a senior policy officer, the employers' orgartisation promotes the post as an opportunity to work closely with government departments, City institutions and its own National Manufacturing Council. An articulate economics graduate with excellent analytical skills is preferred - and all for a princely £23,000 per

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TransCo laid open to fire in regulatory battlefield

Christine Buckley

says the prospects look bleak for

British Gas's

demerger and funding hopes

ritish Gas and the industry regulator have been squaring up for a bloody fight over pricing restraints on the beleaguered company's pipeline business. But vesterday's confrontation was far more violent than expected.

Clare Sportiswoode weighed in with revenue cuts on Trans-Co that exceeded the toughest estimates in a package that she said would trim household gas bills by £50 a year in the review period. British Gas, mindful of yesterday's crumbling share price and of price cuts so onerous that they outpace last year's profits, warned of business failure, 10,000 job cuts and safety imperilment.

Ms Spottiswoode is arguing for consumer bonanzas on the grounds that TransCo, the only money-spinning ace that British Gas has left, has consistently overvalued itself and overestimated spending. British Gas accused her of mounting one of the biggest smash-andgrab raids in a huge sweep that will destabilise the industry at a critical time of its development. At stake is up to £850 million in revenue from the independent gas shippers that use TransCo's pipeline network. They can look forward to reduced tariffs while the end user - households and businesses — should benefit from

substantially reduced bills. British Gas is arguing that without a commercial rate of return, it cannot invest adequately in the business. It says that safety and maintenance will be at risk and the company will not be able to meet its legal obligations in those areas. It further complains that competition in the supply of domestic gas - already operating on a pilot scheme in the South West - places additional heavy in-

vestment burdens on TransCo. Conflict between the regulated and regulators is not new.



British Gas says its pipeline business is worth £17 billion; Ofgas cites a much lower figure

ready would be unnatural and unpopular with shareholders who are not looking at the companies they invest in to let cash bleed happily, on the instructions of regulators.

The disparity between British Gas and Ofgas is, however, unprecedented. The Gas Consumers Council - no friend of British Gas - has welcomed the price reductions and has condemned historic pricing

flaws. But it has also said that the stand-off between the two has serious implications. It has said that the public interest is at stake as the regulator and the company stand either side of a vast mathematical gulf with the national asset of a gas pipeline at stake.

line business at £17 billion. The regulator puts that figure at

that the company has enjoyed the benefits of an annual underspend of about 30 per cent. She has attacked a cash mountain of £2.5 billion which British Gas has put aside for pipeline renewal that is not needed until 2010.

Either one side has got mathematics badly wrong or the virulent arguments that leave the future of several between £9 billion and £11 thousand employees, gas prices

billion. Ms Sportiswoode says and the investment of millions

BUSH

Tory right is wrong on tax

wingers whipped themselves into a predictable lather after Kenneth Clarke gave a warning against cutting taxes when public borrowing is exceeding forecasts. John Townend, chairman

potentially pretty damaging.

Losing Mr Clarke, who has

won considerable respect for

his handling of the big fiscal

and monetary decisions,

What the tax-cut zealots are

urging on Mr Clarke - and

what he is resisting - is a

period of wilful profligacy that

may give the Government an

outside chance of winning the

election, but, much more im-

portantly, has the huge advan-

tage of making it extremely

difficult for an incoming Lab-

There is certainly a camp

that argues that course, how-

ever damaging for the coun-

try. Just before last

November's Budget, a prom-

inent Tory said that the

Government was duty-

bound to be irresponsible in

order to create a mess for

Gordon Brown, who he fully

expected to be in Number 11.

But such aggressive nihilism

will surely not win the day.

If Mr Clarke no longer has

Number 10, he at least wants

his place in the history books

as a sensible Chancellor. He

also understands something

that seems to be lost on some

of his right-wing critics. The

electorate does not trust the

Tories on tax. Large tax cuts in November, after the un-

precedented tax assault since

Mr Townend's call for tax cuts because they were

promised in the 1992 mani-

festo is laughable given what

happened as soon as the

election was won. It is difficult to imagine a pre-election

tax bribe big enough to over-come the electorate's weari-

Mr Clarke also argues

rightly that lower taxes do

not equal electoral victory,

particularly if those cuts are

bought by cutting spending

ness with such tactics.

1992, would invite derision.

our administration.

would be lunacy.

of the 92 group, said that the Government was honour-The rejection of the controls by British Gas will lead to a referral to bound to cut taxes because it the Monopolies and had promised to do so in its 1992 election manifesto. If public finances are in cess which could take several months. The company will look mess, he said, Mr Clarke to the MMC to determine that must go. That sentiment was Ofgas has substantially underechoed yesterday by Terry valued the assets and expecta-Dicks, a backbencher, who said Mr Clarke should be tions of spending. It will contend that the severe restraints replaced by John Redwood. on tariffs will scupper all incen-That is unworthy silliness. Apart from anything else, tives to increase volume and suffocate performance sacking a Chancellor within enhancement. a year of an election is

of Sids hanging in the balance are vocal, public negotiations

The company and Olgas may

will recommend the level of the

revenues and the annual curbs

linked to inflation. She has already said she will not be

persuaded that those should fall

outside the 20-28 per cent one-

yesterday. British Gas equally

maintains the unworkability of

between the two parties.

Ms Spottiswoode's expectations of the company are that it can improve performance through greater efficiencies. She is sceptical of the company's claim that 10,000 jobs must go and says that her office has calculated the job implications to be less than the typical turnover of a leading UK company. Figures to go with that are

ess forthcoming, however.
The MMC is a wild card. British Gas will not be able to call on many allies. It can expect the independent gas shippers. who will gain from sharp tariff reductions as they gear up for 1998's full competitive market in gas, to continue their calls for even harsher curbs than those proposed by Ofgas. A referral will also coincide with heightened pressure on the privatised industries as Labour gears up

its offensive. Whichever way this stand-off is ultimately resolved, the prospects must be distinctly bleak for British Gas's demerger and funding hopes. One half of its mous proportions with British Gas Trading's exposure to the costly take-or-pay contracts. There it has £40 billion fied up in contracts forcing it to buy gas at higher prices than it can sell it for. The other half has a monopoly business capable of generating substantial cash, but facing punitive regulation. It is a nightmare mix for those orchestrating one of British industry's biggest demergers.

A few months ago, it may have seemed to serve British Gas's purposes to divide and control the two major parts of the company, ringfencing the take-or-pay liabilities in British Gas Trading while allowing TransCo to go its own way and pump out cash to deliver a decent dividend. Now, with the regulatory threat proving far harsher than the most bearish City forecasts, TransCo looks distinctly open to fire.

on education, health and the police. And lower taxes probably weigh light in the balance compared with peodisapprobation about sleeze, and the insecurity in the world of work that Labour is campaigning on. So, ideological warfare

within the Conservative Party over tax is making front page headlines but, in the rational world, there is little contentious about the issue. The City, always wheeled out by Tory MPs as the

preferred judge and jury of their policies, is unruffled by current goings-on. Mr Clarke delivers black warnings against cutting taxes. The City concludes that he is doing the usual job of Chancellors at this time of year - a few weeks before the public spending round gets under way - and emphasising how awful the public finances are to instil discipline at the outset on

department heads. Mr Clarke suggests that hopes of tax cuts are unrealistic. The City remembers that he said the same thing last year and still found small cuts in public spending to finance modest tax cuts. It fully expects him to do the same this year.

he manages to pull off this trick, he will have done about the best that his party could realistically expect. There is a hole in tax revenues that was unexpected and still cannot fully be explained. There has, too. been a worse than anticipated slowdown in Europe that has hit growth here.

that the Government can continue even to match the ing that it has, admirably, achieved in recent years. Public spending has always risen in the year before an election. To hold it steady would be a considerable triumph of prudent economic stewardship.

Mr Clarke's critics on the

right may argue: "Hang prudence, let's win the election." But they reckon without another calculation the Chancellor has to make. He wants to avoid a rise in interest rates until after the election, if humanly possible. That would be exceedingly difficult if he were to give in to his col-leagues' demands for big tax cuts that everyone knows are

as mortgage rates are rising?

Joanna Pitman assesses Burma's economy

British business marches slowly back on the road to Mandalay

Burma's ruling military junta is doing its utmost to lure direct familiary to lure direct foreign capital investment, with a target of \$600 million a year. This is ludicrously ambi-

tious but since the early 1990s. foreign investment has trickled very slowly into Burma and is now gathering pace. Burmese Government fig-

ures (never safely considered accurate but nonetheless accepted as guidelines) show that in 1995 Britain invested more than any other nation in Burma, now officially known as Myanmar. A total of 17 projects worth a cumulative total of \$643.5 million had been approved, a full \$100 million ahead of Singapore. the next biggest investor.

British Government officials hastily point out that the majority of the projects are not strictly British, being foreign investments from France and elsewhere booked for tax reasons through the British Virgin Islands and Bermuda.

But British firms are nonetheless beginning to show their colours in Burma. Premier Oil has invested \$20 million with substantially more committed to follow. Rothmans has a cigarette factory. The recently refurbished Strand Hotel in Rangoon and other key tourist hotels around the country are under British ownership via Hong Kong.

Caution, however, is still strongly advised. Burma has only recently emerged from almost a quarter century of self-imposed isolation and introspection. Burma's hibernation began in 1962 when the Burmese Way of Socialism was imposed. Nationalisation programmes were implemented, contacts with the outside world were all but totally cut off, an almost paranoid xenophobia took hold and all progress was rejected in the name of cultural integrity.

When the autocratic military-run state law and order restoration council (Slore) assumed power in 1988 and implemented a series of economic reform programmes, it also threw open Burma's shutters. The country had been in severe economic decline. GDP

growth had barely kept up with population expansion and living standards had fall-en steadily. Annual inflation averaged 20 per cent and the budget deficit and current account gap was widening. Underlying causes included the overvaluation of the currency, a continued bias against agriculture, restrictions on private sector activity and the inefficiency of staterun industries.

The Slore's "open door" programme of reforms sought to expand the role of the private sector, curbing government intervention and gradually liberalising agricultural pricing and marketing. Private banks have been licensed. investment incentives offered to locals and foreign exchange trading potential offered to private exporters. However, a World Bank

report of October 1995 con-cluded that in spite of reforms aimed at expanding exports, encouraging agriculture and promoting private sector and foreign participation in economic activity, the pace of economic growth is still not rapid enough to compensate for the economic stagnation of the preceding quarter century, and its sustainability is uncertain. British officials insist, how-

ever, that the potential is there for significant future returns from investments and contacts made now. British companies are being encouraged to capitalise on Britain's historic links with the country (Burma was a British colony as part of British India from 1885 until 1947) and the positive light in which British manufacturing firms are viewed in Burma. The Burmese were so cut



Burmese days: much of the country is still in the bicycle era

off from the rest of the world in the Seventies and Eighties that they didn't notice the decline of British industry. In their eyes today, British is still best, and we should take advantage of this while we can," said one British businessman in Rangoon.

Foreign investment to date from all countries has been concentrated largely in the oil and gas, mining and tourist hotel sectors and has averaged about \$190 million a year since

At least four multi-storey hotels are under construction in central Rangoon by Thai, Taiwanese and Hong Kong Chinese firms, a rather that the new ones that are finished, most of them glossy marble monstrosities, are far from full, and even now that we are well into "Visit Myanmar Year". Even Japan, one of Asia's

more risk-averse nations, appears to be getting serious ernmental Japan External Trade Organisation (Jetro) will open an office in Rangoon next year to provide a focused information source for putative Japanese investors. The large trading companies are already represented. Fuji Bank has opened an office as has the Japan Tourist Board. Japan Airlines and Ali Nippon Airways are planning direct flights to Rangoon from next

British companies do not want to be left out of this emerging market but likewise do not want to sink money into the country until economic stability is more certain. Political stability, which should eventually underpin any future economic growth, is still also clusive. The military junta still keeps a harsh repressive gag on all political opposition and Amnesty International has evidence of thousands of political prisoners still in detention without trial.

Judging by the foreign advertising pyrotechnics, how-ever, that line the road into Rangoon from the airport, the international Coca Cola culture has already arrived.

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are ordered to within half a gram.

They take about 40 working hours

to make, spread over several weeks. The finished weight of the

bow includes the frog, the adjuster, the horse hair and a spiral

handgrip. Mr Stagg explains: "The impor-

tance of the bow to a string player

cannot be underestimated. A poor

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The International Society of Master Violin and Bowmakers is an exclusive organisation which has only 120 members worldwide. When you consider that there are only six members in the United Kingdom, of which Mr Stagg is one of only two bowmakers, you can begin to appreciate the highly specialised nature of the bowmaking business and his prestigious place in the world order.

Mr Stagg is a multidisciplined graduate engineer who once built racing boats of the kind used in the Oxford and Cambridge annual Boat Races.

However, in 1977 he suddenly changed course and became a lowly paid apprentice with the late W E Hill & Sons, a firm of instrument and bowmakers in Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire. (The firm's ancestry appears in Samuel Pepys's Diary for

His tutor thought that the lines of a boat had much in common with those of a bow. After six years with Hills, Mr Stagg, as senior bowmaker, was making all the company's gold-mounted bows and teaching apprentices.

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All of his work is commissioned and he is constantly forging new trading links overseas, the most recent of which have been with Japan and Canada. In fact, he has been headhunted by a Canadian firm that is reluctant to take "no" for an answer. He regularly exports his bows to Europe, both to retailers and individual musicians. and has made inroads into South

Mr Stagg is a good example of a special craftsman and business-man who has found a valuable and

rewarding niche market.

Concerned that English bowmaking may eventually die out, he is pinning hopes on one of his three sons carrying on the John Stagg tradition. But he has many more creative years ahead of him in

John Stagg (0117 925 4538; tele-phone or fax).



John Stagg says the importance of the bow to a string instrument player cannot be underestimated

conference for smaller enterprises on June 20 and 21. Speakers will discuss learning strategies for competitive advantage, such as innovative management and continuing vocational training. Register by Friday. Contacts: Jay Mitra/Monica Lapetra, 0171-753

A telephone banking service for small businesses is introduced this week by Barclays Bank. The service will be offered initially to the bank's 200,000 sole trader customers. The £4 monthly fee for Barclays Businesscall will be waived for the first three months. Details: freephone 0800 900921.

Piaces are still available at Profit from Performance, a conference organised by Solotec at Fairfield Halls, Croydon, on May 22. The cost is £225 plus VAT. Details from Claire Martland, 01730 266544.

Surrey Training and Enterprise Council will be making its fifth annual business awards this year. A cash prize of £1,000 will be awarded to the winner in each of nine categories. Entry forms will be available at the Surrey Busines Showcase exhibition on June 5-6 at Sandown Racecourse, Esher.

Food producers in the Thames Valley supplying smoked foods, organic and free-range meat, fruit and vegetables, sauces, preserves, confectionery, cakes, biscuits and other delicacies have formed the Thames Valley Speciality Food Group with the support of Thames Valley Enterprise. Details: Simon Davis, 07000 552000.

The Development Board for Rural Wales is spending £500,000 on factory construction in Cardigan as part of its campaign to boost job creation on the West Wales coast.

Plea for less regulation to benefit small firms

BY RODNEY HOBSON

SMALL businesses want simple. sensible regulations that are applied fairly and consistently, Tim Melville-Ross, Director-General of the Institute of Directors, will tell the Government at a top exhibition for small firms this month.

He will add: "There is clearly a strong case for small firms to be exempt from certain kinds of regulation. The private sector in the United States has created 30 million net new jobs over the past 20 years because of the relative freedom of small firms from regulation, compared with a net gain of zero in the EU." Mr Melville-Ross will introduce

the keynote session, on the growing importance of small and medium enterprises to the economy, at the Business Solutions exhibition in the National Hall, Olympia, on May 21-: 23. Exhibitors include IBM,

Compaq. Microsoft, Panasonic, TSB Factors, Lloyds International Factors and National Westminster and Co-operative banks. Seminars and workshops will offer advice on topics including IT investment, communications, access to the Internet, funding growth, managing people and opportunities for export.

The latest survey by the Institute of Directors shows that 47 per cent of British small businesses have increased employment over the past few months and 63 per cent expect output to rise in the next quarter.

Mr Melville-Ross will tell the conference: "Where regulation is necessary, a single reference point from which small business can find out exactly the overall regulatory requirements affecting their indus-try would be invaluable. The Prime Minister announced that just such a step is to be taken experimentally with planning and building regulations. If this is a success, the IoD will press for rapid progress to be made in other regulatory areas."

He will call for a programme to train inspectors to advise rather than simply regulate.

The IoD has welcomed the first steps being taken by the Government to rationalise PAYE, National Insurance and VAT through joint registration. Mr Melville-Ross will argue: "More needs to be done here. For instance, many would argue that changes ought to be made to shift calculation of the uniform business rate away from property values towards ability to pay."

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FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

JOSEP PIQUE. Spain's new Minister for Industries intends to privatise "every sin-gle" public enterprise under his jurisdiction by the year 2000, when the four-year term of the present Spanish Gov-

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ernment comes to an end. Señor Piqué, 41, a Catalan independent in the recently formed conservative government of José Maria Aznar, intends to establish a privatisations office within his ministry, to be staffed by professionals from the private sector and non-governmental

In a recent interview with El País, the Madrid daily, Senor Pique said that these reforms were part of a concerted bid by the new Popular Party administration to re-

duce Spain's budget deficit. Although he did not give a detailed enterprise-by-enter-prise account of his privatisa-tion plan, he singled out as candidates for imminent sale both Endesa, the Spanish state electricity corporation, and Repsol, the state corporation for petroleum.

Señor Piqué said some shares in Endesa - he would not reveal how many - would soon be put on the market. He was clearer, however, on the future of Repsol. "My intention is to privatise it totally," he said, suggesting that he would proceed without delay on its sale. Gas Natural and Enagas the state natural gas enterprises, would be put up for sale too, although this was

not "an immediate priority". Señor Pique, a former Barident of the city's Circulo de Economia, declared also that he would like to disband Teneo the state holding company under whose umbrella exist a number of public

enterprises. "I would like Teneo to disappear," he said, "as it adds nothing at all to the value of the companies under it". These companies include Iberia, the troubled state-run

Spanish airline. The minister has also proma reduction in the num ber of departments in his ministry and the impending fusion of the Secretariats of Standards and Technology.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

LYONNAISE EUROPE was formally allowed yesterday to complete its £823 million purchase of Northumbrian Water. The move came after the Government accepted promises that the French group would reduce Northumbrian's prices by 15 per cent over the next six years and list the merged business on the London Stock Exchange, subject to market conditions, by 2005.

The approval came after the Government determined

that the merger could work against the public interest unless there was agreement on substantial water price reductions. Lyonnaise Europe's undertakings with the Government are binding and enforceable through the

Opec's output dips

OIL production by members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) fell a modest 35,000 barrels per day (bpd) in April to 25.78 million bpd but was still above the group's agreed supply ceiling of 24.52 million bpd. the Middle East Economic Survey reported yesterday. Venezuela and Nigeria are believed to have exceeded their quotas in April, although oil ministers from both countries

Richards resignation

NICHOLAS MORGAN has resigned as finance director of Richards Group, the engineering company that yesterday warned shareholders of "a substantial loss" in 1995's results due to accounting errors. The City had been expecting profits of about £400,000 before tax. The company said the errors primarily relate to costings in the contracting and access flooring businesses. Reported margins were much higher than those actually earned. The shares fell 8p to 25p.

EU to study VW aid

THE European Union is investigating a German aid package for Volkswagen, Germany's biggest carmaker, to see whether it conforms to EU fair trade rules. An official said the European Commission is questioning the DM300 million VW received as part of a larger aid deal as long as VW invested DM4.5 billion in the former East Germany. Der Spiegel reported that VW's eastern investment has fallen short, with much of the money ending in western Germany.

MAID losses increase

MAID, the electronic database company that specialises in business information, yesterday incurred a pre-tax loss of £1.43 million in the quarter to March 31 (£211.000 loss), on turnover of £4.48 million, up 59 per cent. The loss was expected and reflected spending on international expansion. Foreign operations now account for 54 per cent of total revenues, up from 42 per cent. MAID recently signed an agreement with Forte to provide an Internet service to hotel guests.

House gloom hits CSR

THE troubled housing market in Australia translated into an 18 per cent fall in profits at CSR, the building materials, sugar and aluminium group, which warned shareholders that the outlook remained uncertain. In the year to March 31, profits before abnormal items fell to A\$320.1 million (Előő million from A\$390.5 million in line with expectations. Sales rose 4 per cent to a record A\$6.14 billion. CSR said new housing starts fell almost 30 per cent, one of the sharpest falls to date.

Plan by Bell Cablemedia for closer Mercury link

BELL CABLEMEDIA, the third largest cable operator, intends to forge closer ties with Mercury Communications as part of a joint effort to compete with BT in the residential as

well as business market. In a separate development. Bell also intends to list on the London Stock Exchange. The shares currently trade on the Nasdaq market and a London flotation is possible this year depending on market condi-tions, Dan Somers, chief exec-

Mr Somers said that Bell and Mercury would jointly develop and distribute certain products for the consumer market, but would not provide

Beazer acquires Church

BEAZER HOMES has acquired Charles Church, upmarket housebuilder, for £35.7 million (Martin Barrow writes).

Church has been owned by Royal Bank of Scotland since March after it bought out other banks that participated in the company's rescue in 1991. Church will be established as a separate divi-

sion within Beazer, con-

centrating on the exclusive

homes market. In the year

to August 31, 1995, Church sold 193 homes at an average price of £180,000. In its last financial year. Church earned profits of £4.1 million before interest and tax on sales of £34.7 million. Beazer is buying

the business free of debt.

details. He added: "We're working together with Mercury more than we have ever

done before." Bell's collaboration with Mercury appears to be part of a long-range plan to link Mercury with the cable companies in an effort to give it access to the residential market. Warburg Pincus, one of the potential bidders for Mercury in the now aborted Cable and Wireless-BT merger talks. had plans to fold Bell and Nynex CableComms, the second largest cable company.

into Mercury.
Bell is the logical partner for Mercury because Bell Canada International, the cable company's controlling shareholder, owns 20 per cent of Mercury C&W, in turn, owns 13 per cent of Bell and 80 per

cent of Mercury. Bell also owns 26 per cent of Videotron, the sixth largest cable company. Videotron is for sale and Bell is a leading contender to take full control. If Bell does so, it could provide Mercury with an even stronger residential access base. It seems unlikely that the equity links between C&W, Mer-

cury and Bell will be broadened. The announcement of the collaboration with Mercury came as Bell incurred a net loss of £19.5 million in the quarter to March 31, against a profit of £1.2 million, which includes an extraordinary gain of £9.1 million, previously. Revenue almost doubled to £15.8 million. Greater spending to expand the network and higher depreciations charges

were behind the deeper loss. Mr Somers said that in spite of the loss he expected Bell to end the year with positive operating cashflow because of the sharply higher number of cable-TV and cable-telephony



Mark Abraham, chief executive of Fenner, saw a 50 per cent increase in pre-tax profit

Fenner boosted by expansion

BY MARTIN BARROW

FENNER. the engineering company based in north Humberside, increased pretax profits 50 per cent to £8.2

million in the half year to February 29. Profits were lifted by acqui-

year, the company raised £26.4 million through a rights issue to fund expansion. New shares were issued at 1200

each. Yesterday the shares rose 9p to 170p. Colin Cooke, chairman, sitions, organic growth and said turnover improved 20 per operating efficiencies. Last cent to £126.3 million, with

operating profits rising to £8.48 million (£6.1 million). The interim dividend rises to 1.7p a share from an

adjusted 1.43p, payable from earnings of 5.61p (4.27p). Fenner's advanced engineered products division lifted profits to £3.66 million (£2.5 million), while conveyor belting ie £1.2 million (£964.000) The fluid power division eased to £1.7 million (£2.18 million) but power transmission rose to £3.15 million (£l.7 million).

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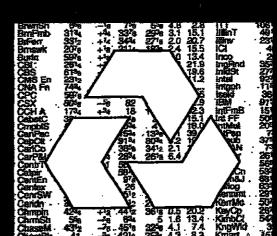


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Gary Slapper asks why inquest law results in so few 'lack of care' verdicts

Neglect and the causes of death

proar broke out in a Birmingham courtroom early last month when a verdict of "death by natural causes" was announced after the inquest into the death of 23month-old Robert Benton. Relatives yelled "Farce!" at the jury who had apparently followed the coroner's advice in returning their verdict. Robert had died after being

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shuttled between four hospitals in one day. One hospital was too busy to treat him. One did not have the facilities, and another had no bed.

In a list of inquest verdicts approved by the Home Office is one which classifies the death as having been "aggravated by lack of care". All but those closely associated with coronial law might expect such a verdict to be clearly apposite in cases such as Robert Benton's, but this area of law is fraught with difficulty. There are legal - if Wonderlandish — reasons why labelling a death as resulting from lack of care is regularly avoided in coroners' courts.

This oddity is becoming especially contentious at a time when an increasing number of annual deaths occur after patients have been lugged around the country in ambulances and helicopters as medical and hospital staff struggle with diminishing re-

Last week the inquest into the death of a 15-year-old boy from the Midlands, James Hoccom, returned an open verdict. The boy died from a meningitis-related illness, having allegedly been refused lifesaving treatment at a cashstrapped hospital (its paediat-ric ward had been closed) and transferred after an agonising delay to another hospital.

Add to this the fact that last year more people (74 per cent) died in hospital or care institutions than in any other setting. and the scale of the potential problem becomes clearer.

Home Office figures released on April 19 show that of the 560,000 deaths in England and Wales last year, 180,598 were reported to coroners, meaning, in effect, that the cause of death appeared to be unnatural or violent. Of these. most were resolved by coroners after post-mortem examinations, but there were 22,700

verdicts of death through accident or misadventure, there are only 35 cases where "lack of care" or "self-neglect" was recorded as a cause of death. These two separate social categories are not distinguished in the figures.

How does inquest law result in so few "lack of care" verdicts when those familiar with death scenarios in prison and the health service estimate the true figure of deaths from want of care as ten times the legally recorded one?

The cardinal legal awkwardness of an inquest is that the coroner is under apparently countervailing pressures. On the one hand, case law says that he is bound to treat the inquest as a "fact-finding investigation and not a method of apportioning guilt". There are no parties, there is no indictment, there is no prosecution, there is no defence, there is no trial.

In one case, in 1982, the then Lord Chief Justice said that despite the difficulties that arise when feelings are running high and the spectators are emotionally involved, it should not be forgotten that the inquest is just "an inquisitorial process ... the function of an inquest is to seek out and record as many of the facts concerning the death as [the] public interest requires".

On the other hand, there are legitimate verdicts, such as unlawful killing or lack of care, which imply wrongdoing on the part of some parties. although the verdict is not allowed to point the finger at any person or persons. Coroners are frequently involved in disputes with advocates when the latter wish to pursue lines of questioning with witnesses in order to explore the possibility of negligence, and the former want to curtail it as being proper in a civil court but inappropriate at an inquest.

As concern grows about deaths in police custody, in prison and in the National Health Service, and as more bereaved relatives and their lawyers seek to establish a "lack of care" verdict at inquests, the heavily wooded law on this point has been tidied by tree-fellers and, lately, trimmed with the precision bonsai artistry.

The law now states that "lack of care" may properly be should not be used to indicate



Robert Benton died "by natural causes" after being shuttled between four hospitals

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Recently an inquest jury

considering a prison death

returned a verdict of "suicide

contributed to by neglect",

although this was an excep-

Sir Thomas Bingham has

advocated that the expression

"lack of care" should be "de-

leted from the lexicon of in-

quests and replaced by "neglect". The new word would, though, still be so

narrowly defined that many

unnecessary deaths resulting from neglect — as recognised by social observers — would

continue to be kept out of such a Home Office verdict

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James Hoccom died after

part of an inquest verdict where the immediate cause of death was the omission of care from another person on whom the deceased was dependent. It is, in coronial law, a different thing altogether from the common law principle of negligence. Problems arise because counsel are often keen to pursue "lack of care" as what Sir Thomas Bingham has described as a "stepping stone" towards a civil claim.
Thus Lord Justice Croom-

Johnson stated in 1987 that "the history of the verdict lack of care indicates that it is appropriate only to the physical condition of the deceased as causing the death and

vice which led to a child being carted around the country for a breach of duty by some other eight hours while his condition

Similarly, as Master of the Rolls. Sir Thomas Bingham ruled that: "Neglect in this context means a gross failure to provide adequate nourishment or liquid, or provide or procure basic medical attention or shelter or warmth for someone in a dependent position (because of youth, age, illness or incarceration) who cannot provide it for himself."

All sorts of deaths which would, in common speech, be attributable to lack of care have been classified simply as accidental, or deaths through natural causes. The lack of care verdict cannot be used to embrace any criticism of a prison or hospital regime in general, or the way in which the deceased had been generaliv looked after. If a cause of death originates

in a person - in the Benton case, Robert had an acute bronchial infection - then it seems no matter how atrocious the response to the crisis, the appropriate verdict will be "natural causes". Alarmingly, the growing number of ambulances arriving late, as well as absences of lifesaving equipment, will not bring the case within the "lack of care" scope.

In the Benton case, the coroner said: "We should not be pillorying surgeons for the actions they have taken in good faith as a result of their training and experience." That is undoubtedly so, but it is not a reason why "lack of care" should not describe the systemic fault in the health ser-

Confessions of a troublemaker

The Bar lost its exclusive rights of audience in the High Court a decade ago. This was hardly a giant step for mankind, or even a dream come true, but it was one small step in the right direction: the College of Judges had decided that solicitors should be allowed to represent a client in "formal or unopposed hearings".

No one disputes that the legal profession needs specialists to do specialist work, but back in the mid-1980s, it seemed wrong that, as a solicitor and someone who had drafted seven lines of script for a statement at the end of a libel action. I could not read those words in the High Court and that my client had to pay an extra £150 to have a barrister do it.

The story starts with my agreeing to act as London agent for Sir Cyril Smith, then Liberal

MP for Rochdale. He had been sued by 25 Labour MPs because on Radio Trent he had suggested their conduct was treasonable when they had voted against the Government on the early day motion to send out the task force to recapture the Falkland

Islands in 1982. It was eventually agreed that Sir Cyril would make it quite clear that he had never meant to accuse the MPs of actual treason.

The crunch came when I had to tell him it would cost a further £150 to get the statement read in open court by a barrister because, as a solicitor, I was not allowed to appear in the High Court. I asked him whether he would like me to try to obtain a right of audience to read the statement rather than spend £150 on a barrister. He readily agreed.

When I appeared before Mr Justice Leonard to seek leave to read my seven lines of script, he clearly thought I was deranged or a troublemaker, perhaps both. With patience and politeness he explained that the Bar had exclusive rights of audience in the High Court and that if I wanted to challenge this, I would have to brief a barrister to argue my and my client's case before him in open court. I promptly told him this would be done. With a degree of disbelief, he then said he would need an amicus curiae (another barrister) to assist the court in its deliberations. Without hesitation I said this would be done.

Not surprisingly, the application was thrown out at the first instance. But in the Court of Appeal, Lord Donaldson, while turning down the application, promised that the whole matter would be referred to the College of Judges because there was some merit in what was being sought. Six months later the judges came forward with their minor relaxation of the rules. With help from the Law Society and the

press, what became known as "Bar wars" had started. The Chairman of the Bar ingeniously but unsuccessfully tried to defuse the situation

by shunting the issue to the Marre Com-mittee. But this group, with the barristers dissenting, concluded that solicitors' rights of audience should be extended. Then, with the white-hot heat of Thatcherism at its strongest, the Lord Chancellor produced his Green Paper on the legal profession.

The dam finally burst with the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990. Since then the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Education and Conduct has done its level best to deter solicitors from gaining full rights of audience. First, a solicitor must obtain a certificate of eligibility — demonstrate that he or she has completed 20 to 25 appearances (not ten-minute directions but half-day hearings) before being eligible to sit an "evidence and procedure" exam. Only when this has been passed can the solicitor participate in an advocacy training course. This three-stage process costs more than £2,300. For young solicitors in the City, who do not normally appear in magistrates' or county courts, getting a certificate of eligibility

can pose a real problem.

Coupled with the advisory committee's steadfast resistance to Crown Prosecution Service solicitors being given rights of audience in Crown courts and employed solicitors being able to exercise rights in their specialised fields, it is not surprising that there are now only 388 solicitor advocates; 89 being able to appear in all courts, 216 with rights in the higher criminal courts and only 83 with rights to appear in

civil cases in the High Court.
The fear, a decade ago, that relaxation of the Bar's exclusive rights of audience in the High Court would lead to fusion of the profession has faded. Indeed, the Bar has gone from strength to strength. Over the past ten years, the number of barristers has increased from 5,500 to 8,500.

This proves that the legal system will always need horses for courses and that barristers should be grateful to solicitors for keeping clients off their backs while they prepare cases and that they must learn to be more flexible and less stuffy in their arrangements with solicitors and the public.

That achieved, the Bar need fear nothing from solicitors. It is simply not cost-effective for anyone not doing advocacy the whole time to spend hundreds of hours reading and researching cases and the latest developments in a specialist area of law.

If there are other benefits - such as, I would hope, a more streamlined, cost-conscious and flexible legal system with barristers going to see clients rather than the other way round it will all have been worthwhile.

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BETS ARE on as to who will be the new Lord Chief Justice after the sad news that Lord Taylor of Gosforth is retiring because of cancer. The appointee may well be crucial when it comes to the Law Society's bid for advocacy rights for "employed" lawyers (in commerce, industry and government), including the Crown Prosecution Service.

Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, was almost alone among senior judges in backing advocacy rights for solicitors when the Government first proposed them in 1989. As for Lord Justice Rose, the other hot tip, his father was a local government lawyer: he was the town clerk at Morecambe. So he might well be sympathetic. Lord Justice Rose has one

other link with the Law Society: when at Wadham College, he lectured to - among others — Martin Mears. Lord Taylor, meanwhile, is



May 23 on Michael Howard's sentencing plans. He is no longer carrying out judicial functions and colleagues say he is likely to occupy himself with his chief love, music.

 Hamlin Slowe, the West End law firm, has announced it is setting up a new associat-



Howard: under attack

ed firm, Hamlins, to advise on the law of Scotland. Hamlins will operate from London and advise chiefly on Scottish property and com-mercial transactions.

Less equal?

THE Law Society's Equal Opportunities Award, sponsored by The Times, goes this year to the legal department of Kirklees Metropolitan Council. A slight hiccup arose when Martin Mears, the society's president, said he would endorse it because he did not think any of the small number of entries merited it. The award will be presented by Roger Jones, chairman of the society's equal opportunities committee.

A fine mess TONY HEATH, president of the Justices' Clerks' Society. has launched a bitter attack

on the "shambles" in the

criminal justice system which permits £200 million in unpaid fines to be written off each year. The courts were hampered, he said, in fine enforcement because they have no access to information held by other agencies.

Many fines have to be treated as irrecoverable, he said, even though a government department knows the defaulter's whereabouts. Courts cannot even share information with the police so police could stop someone wanted for fine default in respect of previous offences, but allow them to go on their way.

 Eversheds, the national law firm, has taken a full page in the legal press to announce its 24 new partners – all men. A spokeswoman said the picture was distorted because the ten partners that joined recently as a result of the merger with Waltons & Morse were all men. Among the associate solicitors, however. there were a much higher number of women who were potential partners.

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Television's Rumpole toys with a witness, the kind of image that frightens potential witnesses such as the one pictured above being trained by Mark Solon

Birth of the superwitness

Giving evidence in court can be terrifying. So why shouldn't

key witness in a UK multimillion-pound law suit knew exactly what to A expect in the courtroom and was terrified. He'd seen enough American TV legal dramas to know that the cross-examining lawyer would stalk around the court, lean over the witness box to harangue him and probably jab a finger in his face for good measure. (All the while, the judge would bang his gavel impotently, trying to call the court to order.)

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Isn't that right? Well, not exactly, Mark Solon was able to reassure him. For a start, said the solicitor, lawyers in this country are not allowed to walk around the court room. Bond Solon, Mr Solon's company, runs training courses for would-be witnesses. Clients, he says, are usually relieved to learn that an appearance in court need not be as daunting as TV dramatists would have you believe.

Witness training is well established in the United States. The biggest American law firms even have mock courtrooms in their offices, into which they put mock juries and stage mock trials to test witnesses and the persuasiveness of particular lines of attack or defence before a case.

But in this country, such training is in its infancy. Yet some of the

witnesses be prepared by experts? Fiona Bawdon reports biggest law firms — Herbert Smith, Clifford Chance. Ashurst Morris

Crisp, Nabarros, among others are already among Bond Solon's clients and other firms may well soon follow suit. Mr Solon, who is qualified as a solicitor in this country and in America, has for

Needless to say, the service does not come cheap — it costs almost £700

some time been training expert witnesses. But now he is offering training for lay witnesses - witnesses of fact, as they are called.

It is usually done one-to-one over three hours. Needless to say, it does not come cheap. Costing almost £700, it is likely to be restricted to high-value" cases — as a general rule Mr Solon reckons a that a threshold of about £100,000 is realistic. During training, witness-

es are given advice about what to do ("If you don't understand, say so"..."Don't try to persuade the do ("If you don't understand, say so"... Don't try to persuade the lawyer) and what to wear.

their evidence."

Mr Solon denies that there is

anything suspect about this kind of

training, or that it gives one side an

unfair advantage. On the contrary,

Even experts on

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it is in the interests of justice, he

says. A witness who knows the

ropes will save court time and can

defuse common ploys used by bar-

A key part of the training is

lifting the lid on cross-examination

techniques. Mr Solon says: "Wit-

nesses will come back afterwards

and say 't had two quick questions,

one patronising look and three turning-aways'. If they know what

risters to undermine him.

The courtroom is not the place to make fashion statements, says Mr Solon (parrot earrings are out) but you should still ring the changes: at one three-week trial, the usher ran a sweepstake on whether the defendant would ever change his T-shirt.

General advice is followed by a mock cross-examination, a trip to watch a trial in action, and a visit to the courtroom where the witness's case will be heard. Mr Solon emphasises that he has no knowledge of the actual case and "cross-examination" is based on fictional circumstances. Witness training is not about coaching on evidence but about building confidence, he says.

If it achieves this, it may be money well spent. According to Dr Chris Fife-Schaw of the department of psychology at Surrey University, research suggests that a confident witness is generally seen to be telling the truth. Even though there may be no real relationship between confidence and accuracy,"

the barrister's up to, it neutralises

Michael Napier, the president of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers, agrees that witnesses need to be forewarned about what to expect, but considers that this should be done by the lawyers. "It is part of a doing a proper job in preparing a case," he says. "I would not want to employ outsiders to produce a 'superwitness' character. But equally, I can't see anything intrinsically objectionable in that."

Mr Solon insists that the pre-trial advice given by most firms to witnesses is of the "speak-up-anddon't-say-too-much variety, and is. he says, "basically useless".

Ian Timlin, partner at Maxwell Batley, was initially sceptical, but is now a convert after rave reviews from clients. Using an outside body means, he believes, that there is one thing fewer for the lawyers to worry about before a big case. His Chancery Lane firm has now used the training for eight witnesses in two big cases (both of which subsequently settled).

Even those who you would expect to be on familiar ground in the witness box can, Mr Solon says, benefit from a little help. I remember one police officer we trained saying: 'I realise now, it's so simple.
I just tell the truth'."

Reform in the public interest

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John Laws argues for some extension of the courts' powers of judicial review

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ost civil litigation in-volves only the rights and wrongs of a particular dispute between particular parties. But some cases - mostly in the field of judicial review - raise important questions which affect the public generally, or a significant section of it. Authorisations for the disposal of nuclear waste; government funding of the Pergau dam in Malaysia; the ratification of the Maastricht treaty — in these cases the public interest is con-cerned with the decision itself, rather than with ensuring that the law is a just, speedy and economical means of resolving disputes.

Justice, the all-party law reform group, and the Public Law Project set up a working party to examine the law and practice in public interest cases. It looked at two issues: first, how far a challenge

may be brought against a public deci-sion on purely public interest grounds. where the applicant has no private axe to grind; and second, how far the court should be prepared to receive views or evidence from a third party outside the litigation, with or without an axe to grind, whose contribution

might help the court.

Such challenges and interventions present a significant departure from common-law convention that the judge only decides concrete disputes between those with a substantial interest. But with the huge growth of judicial review since the 1970s, the scope both for pure public interest challenges and for third-party interventions has visibly increased.

On the first issue, courts are increasingly willing to hear cases where the applicant does not have an interest but argues that the point should be litigated in the public interest. The Law Commission has recommended that such challenges be explicitly recognised as a distinct category of case; we endorse building on this.

In the second area we travelled newer ground. Historically there has been only limited scope for third parties to intervene in the Justice and the PLP 0171-329 5100).

public interest. This is in contrast with other jurisdictions such as America where third parties are used far more. Individuals or organisations can obtain leave to put in a dossier about the merits of a particular public interest issue, such as the legality of abortion. The US Supreme Court, of course, has law-making functions in its role as the guardian of the Constitution, a role not paralleled by the powers and duties of our courts. But the working party concluded that im-portant advantages would be gained if third parties with particular knowledge or expertise were allowed "a say" in public interest cases more widely than at present.

Our report, published today, suggests draft rules by which our re-commendations could be implemented. We stress the importance of ensuring that any intervention

should be court-driven, subject to the court's control and strict procedural rules: no one would have a right to intervene on public interest grounds.

The overall message is that there are ome difficult public interest cases in which the court needs more help than it now gets. There are big constitutional ques-

tions about the extent to which judges should become involved in public policy. Generally they take a hands-off approach because Parliament must be where such matters are decided. But the courts play an important role, partly because of the growing impact of fundamental rights, partly because all kinds of decisions by public bodies are now subject to the rule of law. A willingness to accept more input from responsible outsiders to the litigation will enhance the court's duty to ensure public decisions are taken lawfully.

These proposals are modest and we stress the need for safeguards. The reform would, however, bring an important beneficial dimension to the workings of civil justice.

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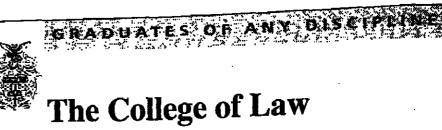
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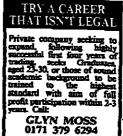
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Bank claim not a mortgage action VAT treatment of overpayments

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Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Millett and Mr Justice (Judgment May 8)

British Telecommunications plc. provider of continuous telecommunication services, was not liable to account for value-added tax at the date of receipt of inadvertent customers that were not returned but credited to their accounts on their next invoice. Such payments could not be treated as consideration received on account of subject to output tax for the period for which the subsequent invoice

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise from Mr Justice Dyson (The Times January 30, 1995; [1995] STC 239) who had upheld the decision of a VAT tribunal to allow BT's appeal against an assessment to VAT dated January 1992 in the sum of £2.6 million.

Mr Kenneth Parker, QC, for the commissioners; Mr David Milne. QC and Mr A. J. Shipwright for

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said

of general importance both in the on the liability to curput tax of a taxable trader who made continuous supplies of goods or services and who invoiced and received payment from customers at periodic intervals in the course of a continuing contractual relationship with the customer.

Under the UK legislation the

supplier had to account for output tax at the date when payment for the supply was received or at the date when he issued an invoice relating to the supply, whichever was the earlier. The question was concerned with the supplier's liability to output tax where the tomer, in settling his present liability, mistakenly made an overpayment and the supplier instead of repaying the amount of the overpayment immediately, retained it and credited the customer

with it when next invoicing him The commissioners contended that the overpayment had to be treated as a payment on account of future supplies with the result that the VAT was payable at the date of eipt of the overpayment. BT issued invoices to its CUS-

tomers quarterly, accounting for output tax quarterly on the basis of the invoices issued in the relevant arter. From time to time customers inadvertently made over-

mistake being double paymen Any such payment gave rise to an immediate liability on BT's part to make repayment to the cus it did not do so. Having 20 million customers, the administrative inconvenience of making repayments would probably be out of all proportion to the individual sums involved.Unless a repayment was requested, BT credited a customer's running account with the amount received and took the

quarter's invoice. Although the individual amounts were small, the total sums were substantial. In a twomonth period BT received no less than E17 million in overpayments

amount of the overpayment into

account when calculating the next

VAT was a European lax governed by the Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC (OJ 1977 L145/1). II was a tax on "the supply of goods or services effected for consideration ... by a taxable person acting as such (article 2). The taxable amount was "everything constitutes the coneration which has been or is to be obtained by the supplier from the

. customer" (article lA(l)). The European Court of Justice lished the need for a direct link between the service provided and the consideration for

The inadvertent overpayment of a current debt was not a payment on account of a future liability. It was not paid on account of or in respect of future supplies. The customer intended it in payment for past supplies and

say the time at which output tax

was chargeable, was by reference

to the time when the goods were

delivered or the services per-

formed: see article 10(2) of the

directive and section 4 of the Value

However the tax point was

brought forward when a payment

the goods are delivered or the

services are performed", when the

the payment and on the amoun

tax was chargeable on receipt of

received: article 10(2) and section

Regulation 23(1) of the Value

Added Tax (General) Regulations (SI 1985 No 886) enacted a special

regime for continuous supplies of

Accordingly, the question for decision was whether, where there

was a continuous supply of services, the amount of an inadvertent

overpayment by a customer of the amount for which he had been

invoiced and which was retained

by the supplier and credited to the customer on his next invoice, fell to

be treated as paid "on account of" or received "in respect of" future

Nothing in the Sixth Directive or in the 1983 Act required an

rmative answer to the question

was to be "made on account before

Added Tax Act 1983.

5(1) of the 1983 Act.

since it was not due when made, it was made for no consideration. Under English law the recipien was under an obligation to repa the amount of the overpayment immediately it was received.

obligation was destructive of the commissioners' claim. If the money was repayable notwithstanding the continuation of the supply then it could not be a nt made on account of or in

in respect of future services, being simply payments made by mis-take. Nor was the payment re-ceived in respect of future supplies. It was not an appropriation by

lowards a customer's future liabil-

concurring judgment and Mr Jus-tice Tucker agreed.

and Excise: Mr A. Whitfield.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Schiemann (Judgment May 3) An action by a bank against a customer for the recovery of an overdraft secured by a mortgage or charge was not a mortgage action and accordingly the provisions of Order 83 of the Rules of the

National Westminster Bank

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown.

Supreme Court did not apply. The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal brought by the defen-dant, John Stephen Kitch, against the dismissal by Mr Justice Curtis on October 10, 1994 of the defendant's appeal from the decision of a district judge that the plaintiff, National Westminster Bank plc. was correct in issuing proceedings for the recovery of a debt secured by a mortgage in the Queen's Bench Division and entitled to obtain judgment in default of

defence, without first seeking the leave of the court. Mr Robert Dencon, who did not spear below, for the defendant; Mr Michael Lerego, QC and Mr Paul Gon for the bank.

LORD JUSTICE SCHIE-

Society of Lloyd's v

Queen's Bench Division when

allowing the application of the

Society of Lloyd's under para-

graph 10 of Lloyd's Central Fund Bylaw (No 4 of 1986) for the return

John Stewart Clementson to assist

him in meeting his liability in the

Article 85 of the EC Treaty

provides: "I The following shall be prohibited as incompatible with

the common market: all agree-

ments between undertakings, de-

cisions by associations of

undertakings and concerted prac-

insurance market.

sums paid out of central funds to

Clementson (No 2)

[Judgment May 7]

Before Mr Justice Cresswell

overdraft secured by a mortgage was not a "mortgage action". Mr Justice Curtis had departed from a dictum of Mr Justice Donaldson in Midland Bank Ltd v Stamps (1978) 1 WLR 635) upon which various notes to Order 88 of the Rules of the Supreme Court in The Supreme Court Practice 1995 were

The bank issued a writ out of the Queen's Bench Division claiming sums allegedly due on two ac-counts which the defendant had with the bank. The writ, which was endorsed with a statement of claim, made no mention of any

The defendant's legal team deliberately decided not to file any defence taking the view that it was a mortgage action which had been improperty commenced in the Queen's Bench Division. The bank then entered judgment in default of defence, without first seeking the leave of the court. The defendant applied to set the judgment aside on the basis that it had been

irregularly obtained.

Mr Deacon relied on Order 88.

shall be automatically void.

Richard Jacobs for Lloyd's.

Mr Jeremy Lever, QC and Mr

Richard Slowe, solicitor, for Mr Clementson; Mr Gordon Pollock,

QC, Mr Paul Lasok, QC and Mr

MR JUSTICE CRESSWELL

said that Mr Clementson was a name at Lloyd's. The Central Fund

Bylaw empowered Lloyd's to re-

cover from names moneys paid out

of the central fund as a civil debt.

pursuant to paragraph 10 of the Central Fund Bylaw, as sub-

sequently amended, in respect of sums applied out of the central fund to make good default by the

Mr Clementson, who was

described by Lloyd's as the stan-

dard bearer for 2,500 names, contended that the central fund

arrangements were void by reason of article 85(2) of the EC Treaty and

accordingly Lloyd's claim under

The conduct of insurance busi-

the central bylaw must fail.

rule 6. In order to do so he had to persuade the court that the action was a mortgage action as defined in Order 88, rule ((1).

facts: (i) the action was begun by mortgage; (ii) the action was one in which there was a claim for payment of moneys and (iii) the

payment of those moneys was secured by the mortgage. So, he submitted, the action fell neatly within the definition in Order 88. rule 1(a). Moreover, he pointed to Midland Bank Ltd v Stamps where the foregoing three facts were equally present. The issue which Mr Justice

Donaldson had to decide in the Midland Rank case was whether he had jurisdiction, norwithstanding the provisions of Order 88 to retain the action in the Commercial Court. He held that he had. He based his decision on Prac-

tice Direction (High Court: Divisions) (1973) 1 WLR 627), made section 57 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act 1925, and upon the exercise of his

His Lordship accepted that whereas, if the decision of Mr Justice Curtis was right, Mr Jus-tice Donaldson could have based his decision on a finding that he was not concerned with a mort-

gage action at all. He in fact said (at p638): "The

Lloyd's bylaw does not infringe

mortgage of real property and the action is thus a mortgage action to which ... Order 88 applies.

His Lordship considered the phraseology of Order 88, rule I was capable of the construction contended for by both the bank and the defendant. While in no way criticising the result achieved by Mr Justice Donaldson in Midland Bank, his Lordship disagreed with the single sentence in that decision relied upon by the defendant and the editors of The Supreme Court

Practice.

That sentence was not necessa to the judge's decision and it seemed clear that Mr Justice Donaldson was not treated to the careful analysis of the history of the rule, and the previous de-cisions concerning it, which had heen placed before the court by the

There seemed to be no reason in principle why, if a bank chose nor to rely on a mortgage in an action, that action should be classified as a mortgage action.

Most cases based upon or concerning the operation of or-dinary bank accounts had been and were brought in the Queen's Bench Division. In complex cases they would be heard in the Commercial Court

The most appropriate place for the trial of ordinary bank claims was often the trial centre closest to the customer and bank branch and during the last few years a series of Mercantile Court lists had been established outside London under practice directions which pre-supposed that ordinary banking disputes would form part of the Queen's Bench lists.
In cases such as the present, the

legal mortgages were charges to the bank created to secure running accounts. His Lordship could see no policy reason for construing an ambiguous rule in the way con-tended for by the defendant. So far as the money claim was concerned he deserved no more protection

than any other debtor. There might well be cases where there was a real doubt as to whether the bank was secured or not. In such cases his Lordship could see no disadvantage in the bank being allowed to sidestep any problems which that might raise. So far as the possibility of being turned out of his house was concerned, the appellant still had all the protection which the law gave to a mortgagor who was at

risk of action by the mortgagee. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal and invite the editors of the White Book to reconsider their notes to Order 88, rules 2 and 6. Lord Justice Peter Gibson deliv-

ered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Simon Brown agreed. Solicitors: Lucas & Co. Cowbridge; Osborne Clark.

Stopping vehicle on road with double white lines

McKenzie v Director of Publie Prosecutions Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr

|Judgment May 2| The prohibition imposed on any vehicle stopping on any length of road along which centre double

white lines were placed did not apply to a vehicle stopping - as long as necessary to enable a person to board or alight. The Oueen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when allowing an appeal by case stated by Keith

McKenzie from St Albans Crown Court (Judge Gosshalk and jus-tices) which had dismissed his appeal against conviction by Bishops Stortford Justices on April 12, 1995 of failing to conform with the indication given by a traffic sign namely a double white line contrary to section 36(1) of the Road remitted to the justices with a direction to acou

Mr Christopher Drew for Mr McKenzie: Mr Andrew Campbell-Tiech for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE NEWMAN said that regulation 26(2)(a) of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (SI 1994 No

vehicle stopping on any length of road along which centre double white lines were placed.

Regulation 26(3)(a) provided that nothing in (2)(a) should apply so as to prevent a vehicle stopping so long as might be necessary for any of the purposes outlined in subsections (i) to (iii). The following qualification came at the end of Subsection (iii): "... if the vehicle could not be used for such a purpose without stopping on the

Mr McKenzie argued that the

and not to (i) which covered the picking up or setting down of someone. The purposes in (iii) took His Lordship found it helpful to

length of road". The issue for the court was whether the prosecution was correct to contend that the purpose Mr McKenzie was fulfilling on the road, namely picking up a taxi fare, was governed by the qualify-

qualifying words were confined to the purposes set out in (iii) alone

look at the content of the previous regulation, regulation 23 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (SI 1981 No

qualifying words applied only to subsection (iii).

There had been one substantive amendment in the 1994 Regula-tions and the drafisman had

unless there were strong indica-tions Parliament had intended the amendment of the type relied on by the prosecution, he concluded that the meaning was clear.

cautious in placing much weight on the layout. What could be gained from what the draftsman had done was that the true meaning could be reflected in the way that the layout had changed. LORD JUSTICE PILL ex-

faced the court.

Solicitors: Lee Davies & Co.

equently carried out structural alterations. But there was no basis for contending that there had been a second amendment causing subsections (i) and (ii) to be embrace by those qualifying words when they had not hitherto been. In his Lordship's judgment,

As to layout itself, his Lordship as a matter of principle would be

pressed the hope that layouts could be adopted when drafting enact-ments to avoid the difficulties that

Harlow; CPS, St Albans.

The Lloyd's Central Fund Bylaw The existence of that legal neither affected trade between member states nor was it in any event anti-competitive and it did not infringe the competition provisions of article 85 of the EC Mr Justice Cresswell so held in the Commercial Court of the

respect of the continuing supply.

The judge was correct in his view that such payments were not

BT of the amount in question ity. Under English law a creditor had no right, without the agree-ment of his debtor, to appropriate a payment to a debt unless the debt to which it was appropriated was presently due and payable. There was no debt due in respect of future supplies until the relevant invoice

Lord Justice Nourse delivered a Solicitors: Solicitor. Customs

common market... "2 Any agreements or decisions

have as their object or effect the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition within the

tices which may affect trade between member states and which

ness fell within the scope of article 85. Lloyd's conceded that it was an association of undertakings, the undertakings being the names and the syndicates within Lloyd's.

Lloyd's admitted that its bylaws. its decisions to raise contributions

EU competition law to the central fund and its decisions authorising sums to be withdrawn from the central fund were decisions of an association of under takings within the meaning of

His Lordship said that the central fund arrangements, whether considered alone or in combination with the reinsurance provisions, had not had an in fluence, direct or indirect, actual or potential, on the pattern of trade between member states. If there was an influence it was not

Nor did the central fund arrangements, and the reinsurance provisions, have as their object the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition within the common market. Nor did they, in the light of all the relevant facts and the legal and economic context, have as their affect the prevention, restriction or distorion of competition.

If there was an impact on competition it was not appreciable. To the extent that it was necessary to do so, his Lordship held that the rule of reason applied to the central fund arrangements. Clementson succeeded Solicitors: S. J. Berwin & Co:

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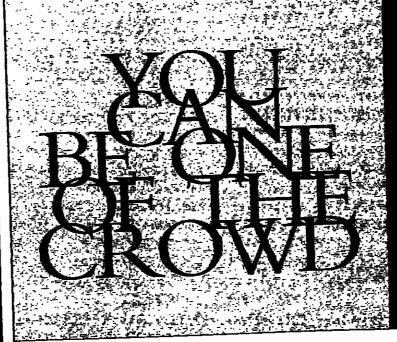
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The price of a university place

tudents entering university this autumn are likely to graduate owing several thousand pounds to their bank and to the Student Loan Company. The cost of student life has never been greater. More and more school-leavers are considering deferring their course to work for a year or more to build up a

Those who wait will have the added advantage of knowing the outcome of a major review of higher education set up by the Government with Labour's backing under the chairmanship of Sir Ron Dearing, Chancellor of Not-

tingham University. Set up after protests from stu-dents and vice-chancellors at the hardship and cutbacks experienced under the funding system, the review is expected to recommend a change to the student loan so that graduates have much longer to repay the money and their repayments are linked to earnings.

The National Union of Students earlier this year dropped its historical demand for grants to be restored to their 1979 level in favour of a campaign for a fairer loans system. Douglas Trainer, president of the NUS, says: "People are investing for the future by going to university and the years of hardship and difficulty should be a

means to an end." NUS research indicates that average student expenditure for 1995-96 will be £5,150 in London and £4,145 outside London, for a 38week academic year. This leaves a shortfall of £1,571 in London and £1,248 elsewhere if a student reDavid Charter on

funding and how

universities are

adapting to a new kind of student

plus maximum loan.

Nearly 40 per cent of students considered themselves "in hard-ship" in the NUS's Values for Money survey in 1994-95. One in four had considered dropping out of their course because of finaricial pressures and half thought their money problems had an adverse effect on their academic work. About 30 per cent work in termtime to supplement their funds.

Despite all the publicity about hardship, demand for places still seems to be buoyant. One of Sir Ron's main considerations will be the future size of the university system, which presently caters for more than 1.6 million students, 6

per cent up on last year. Full-time student numbers are capped while the review is being conducted, but nevertheless the profile of the national student body continues to change.

The majority of students are mature students, those aged 21 or over when they enrol. The proportion of female students also continues to rise and this year there were more women than men at university for the first time.

Universities, some faster than

along with the changing profile of students. One key consideration for the growing number of mature students are the playgroup facilities available at or near the university. There is no central register of college childcare although the information should be available in the prospectus or on demand.

Attitudes towards on-site provision vary. Southampton's 24-place months to five years old is oversubscribed. The university also runs a playgroup three times a week and summer holiday schemes for child-ren of students and staff up to the age of 14.

"It is an important factor for the non-traditional students and for postgraduate overseas students with families," says Joyce Lewis, a Southampton spokeswoman. Nottingham Trent University

has 50 crèche places for children aged 18 months to five years on each of its two sites, 40 for students and ten for staff. Students pay on a means-tested scale of £2 to £7 per hali-day session.

ennifer Spencer, a spokes-woman, says: "Places are offered on the basis of need. There is no doubt it is a major factor in the choice of Nottingham Trent for local students."

Humberside is one modern university which does not provide its own nursery. Sheila Cook, a spokeswoman, says: "It is something we have looked at but we came to the conclusion that the nurseries and crèches.



Mature students and women are now in the majority in higher education and universities have to adapt to this changing profile



Tara Barker: taking exams

How the Class of 93 are getting on

TARA BARKER is the first of the Class of 93, three students who started courses in that year who are being tracked by The Times, to reach her university finals. Her exams at Bristol University start next week.

Tara, 35, a single mother with a son, decided to study politics as a mature student to enhance her career prospects. She was freelancg as a journalist for a local radio station before her return to studying and wanted to stay on to do postgraduate research. She is now eping her options open.

"I do not really know what direction I want to go in. I will take my exams and take it from there," she says. "I want to be involved in politics in some way, whether through study or within an organisation." Tara's savings helped her money she put by for university has Three students describe how they

working to help to fund her year in

gone and she has a £3,000 loan to pay off. Her course lived up to expectations and has been extremely enjoyable". If she does decide to go back to work she may take an evening course to keep up

CLAIRE FIELDSEND, the youngest of the Class of 93, is spending the third year of her four-year French and Italian degree course abroad. She is presently working as a language assistant at two schools near Lyons in France. Her fears about coming from a state school to study at Cambridge have gone and she is looking forward to her final year at Robinson College. Claire, 21, spent last summer

have fared since taking up studying

Her course also enabled her to spend the previous summer im-

the full-time job he hoped for after abandoning his studies. A year ago he told The Times he thought he was taking a risk by leaving higher education. Today he is certain he

made the best decision. Russell, now 21, left halfway through a two-year hotel and catering diploma course he started in 1993 at the University of Brighton, saying it failed to live up to his expectations or its promotional

material. He landed a job as a customer-services representative with a mail order company last September after several months temping, mostly office work.

"I think I did the wrong course. I really hated it. It was the worst year of my life," he says.

Russell, formerly at Trinity School, an independent school in Croydon, found the course inflexible and the hotel and leisure industry less than glamorous when experienced on a placement during his course. "I would rather be in a job with a wage packet at the end of the month. I would not knock anyone for going to university, it is a magic idea but it has got to be right for you."

He has enrolled on an NVQ level two course in customer services through his company.

DAVID CHARTER



There is money to be made by going to a Buckingham Palace garden party or Wimbledon for the tennis

The best jobs for the summer and where to find them

for the modern student. But that does not mean joyable. Working in a delicatessen came top of the league in our straw poll of summer jobs; market research by phone came bottom. For one garden parties at Buckingham

What tips can students pass on to newcomers? If you are take the jobs that offer basic pay plus commission, not commission only. Helping behind a bar, one of the most common jobs (rating 6/10), is Looking after children can sometimes have the added bonus of going abroad on the family holiday, but ratings vary according to the children's behaviour.

Jenny Picton, a second-year undergraduate in European History at the University of East Anglia, rated her job in a delicatessen (£3 an hour) 10/10 because it was varied, the hours were flexible and she got delicious leftovers. Working in a factory packing Y-fronts for Marks & Spencer, she earned £87 for a 36 to 41-hour week. She would do it again if the pay was better, "but they hate students in factories".

Helen Lovett, studying English and French at UEA. worked as a care assistant at a home for disabled war veterans in Richmond, Surrey. Shifts varied and could be up to 12 hours a day. The pay was £5.01 an hour, more at weekends. "It was exhausting and I now know everything there is to know about incontinence. I didn't get any war stories; the residents wanted to talk far more about me. The staff were good fun and supportive, and the friendly environment made up for the demanding work. She hopes to work there again this summer. 6/10. Charlie Lucas, studying dra-

ma at Birmingham University, worked as an usherette in a London theatre. She wrote to 25 theatres and one, the Garrick, replied. She was offered a job after an interview with the stage manager. It paid £18 a night, and she worked at two matinées a week. The next year she went in person to 12 theatres: the Globe rementbered her previous application and gave her a job in the kiosk selling sweets, programmes and tapes. The pay was about £20 a night, but she would not do it again. "I couldn't go out in the evenings, the work was boring and usherettes are badly treated. It's a very

competitive world." 7/10. James Curtis, a history undergraduate at UEA, did surveys for MRM Distribution in Grantham. He was given a map area to cover with a batch of survey sheets and paid 35p a sheet if he completed a batch in one week, 25p if he took longer. "Good points: you can choose your working hours, good money. Bad points: disheartening, very tiring, awful if it rains." He would do the

David Lain, an undergraduate in politics at UEA, got his

packages to local businesses through an advertisement in the local paper in Croydon. The good points: £4 an hour. four hours a day maximum. The bad points: really hard work, very pushy bosses who go on about "team spirit". David would not do the job again, 4/10. Wimbledon fortnight offers

a variety of hotly contested jobs. Simon Johnson, reading French and management at Royal Holloway College, worked in the museum shop from 9am to 8.30pm for £6 an hour. Thousands of people coming in and out all day made the time go quickly. In two weeks I earned £800 and never got bored." 9/10.

essie Middleton, reading psychology, anthropology and politics at Newcastle University, worked for the catering firm Town and Counwaitressing in the Lawn Tennis Association sponsors tent. It paid £4 an hour, for up to 12 hours a day starting at 8.30am. plus generous bonuses. "It's a smart place to work. Good fun, despite the revolting purple striped uniform and being on your feet all day. 8/10. She went on to work at Buckingham Palace

garden parties. Nicholas Crossley, a secondyear civil engineering under-graduate at Imperial College London, spent a month making sandwiches in the kitchen of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. "I made



so many I ended up dreaming about them." He earned £400, the hours were from Sam until 6pm. 5/10.

"It was strict — a bit like school. I had to have my hair cut although it was just above the collar, and I had to wear a Thompson-Jones, studying humanities at Notsuit, but I quite liked it." Might tingham Trent University. gu back this summer. 6/10. was taken on for two weeks for the Harrods January sales

Centres that can help students to pay their way THE BOOM in student num-

pers has been matched by a mushrooming of campus job centres offering term-time employment to undergraduates. David Charter writes.

Computer-literate students and language experts may find their expertise helps them to more than a good degree. Some of the best rates of pay for students are at present being offered for setting up Internet web-sites and providing instant translation.

Almost 40 job agencies are up and running and another 40 are planned. Two of the notable exceptions are Oxford and Cambridge universities. However, many students remain unaware of the service. A conference of job shop administrators later this month will debate ways to give the centres a higher profile among

David Patalano, controller of Unistaff at Cardiff, says: There are 14,000 students in Cardiff and only 1,000 on my books. Many students who have been here for three years do not know that we exist." As yet there is no nationally

agreed code of practice, but similar policies are shared by the different centres. Unisiaff was one of the first

to be established. All the wages for students are sent direct to Unistalf which pays everyone 13 an hour. This means that the menial jobs are rewarded with a decent level pay. Students are not allowed to work more than 15 hours a week during term

Mr Patalano says: VIOLET JOHNSTONE means everyone gets £45 cash insurance or tax."

The office, which is nonprofit-making, pays out about E12,000 a month to students. three quarters of whom work ter for companies in Cardiff. On-site jobs range from cleaning to clerical work and dishwashing to driving. Off-site, much of the work is in the city's department stores.

The take-up is seasonal, "At the moment they are doing exams and I have gut a folder full of work which no one wants to do." Mr Patalano

sity, has a minimum wage of £3.20 an hour which employers must agree to, but otherwise students are paid the rate for the joh. No one is illowed to work more than 15 hours a week.

Tempus acts as a bridge between employers with parttime vacancies and students looking for temporary work in term time, and for longer periods in the vacation," Bernard Kingston, at Sheffield, says. "About 800 students have registered their skills out of the 16,000 in Sheffield.

The job agency at Sussex University, Brighton, insists on a minimum of £3.15 an hour, coupled with agreements that the student must spend at least 40 hours a week on study and not more than 150 hours a term in a part-time job. The best rate earned by Sussex students was for simulfancous translation from a European language into English at 18.92 an hour.

Student loans and grants

THIS September sees the end grants have been reduced and student loans increased accordingly. The Government has now reached its target of a

balance between the two. Few observers expect this to be the end of the process since both Labour and the Conservatives see graduates as the only realistic source of the funding necessary to preserve quality and resume expansion in higher education. But there will at least be a breathing

Only full-time higher educa-tion students qualify automatically for a grant, although Labour is promising to spread the benefits to part-time students and to a wider range of courses. At present, students compete for scarce discretionary awards administered by

local authorities.

A complicated formula, based on parents' earnings, is used to determine how much grant students receive. A "residual" income below £16,050 full grant, but above £32,000, grants will be paid only if there is more than one student in the family.

Grants are administered by local education authorities and are paid in termly instalments. Government loans rquire an application to the which is based in Glasgow.

Student loans are not means-tested, although repayment is deferred if a graduate s earning less than 85 per cent of national average earnings. This threshold, currently set at 11.267 a month, is revised annually on along with repay-ment rates, which are tied to the retail prices index. For 1995-96, the interest rate was 3.5 per cent. From September. this will fall to 2.7 per cent.

Grant levels 1996-97 Student loans 1996-97 Full year

Living at home.... Final year

Living at home..

The Department for Education and Employment publishes a booklet detailing the regulations for grants and loans. Copies can be ordered by phone on (117) 510 0150, by fax on 0171 510. 0196 or by post from the DFEE. Publications Centre, PO Box 6927. London E3 3NZ.

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'It's a cool, groovy happening place'

tudent stereotypes are crumbling. Every student in Britain might be addicted to morning television, but in other respects student lifestyles vary widely depending on the location of their university.

In Birmingham, for example, students appear to live almost entirely on lasagne and chocolate mousse. They spend £40 a month at the supermarket — preferably Sainsbury's — and although they share food with flatmates, they never share alcohol.

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Manchester students spend a lot more money on pizzas and love nothing better than curling up in front of the television with a takeaway. Their counterparts in London spend £100 a month on food, lavish money on off-licences

and like shopping on their own. These insights are gleaned from research by Student Marketing, which tries to pinpoint what makes campuses around Britain so different. Students the length and breadth of the UK have been vociferously defending the merits of their adopted towns and cities.

Landon is definitely the best place to be, "says Becky Walden, 18, who is studying Hispanic studies at University College London. "I've always lived in London and there was no way I was going to leave because there's so much happening every night. My first year has been brilliant because there's no work."

"London? No way! Manchester was so glamorous," says Charlotte Somers, 24. who graduated in English and drama last June. "Socially and culturally there is so much to do in the centre of Manchester. It can't be beaten."

Barry Cooke, 21, studying commerce at Birmingham University, In Birmingham it is chocolate mousse, in

Bradford it is the rent — Chris Hadley

on the attractions of different cities

location and the set-up are perfect - it's a great campus in beautiful countryside and yet with all the benefits of city life just a mile away. It can't be bettered for nightlife." So who is right?

The capital does seem to be very popular with its 250,000 students. More than 70 per cent stay in London to find work, compared with a national average of 27 per cent who stay on in their university 10wn. Students in London differ greatly in one great respect - there is no central campus so students tend to participate in the same activities as the working population. There are also more students than in any other city; other Londoners would probably say too

Leicester Square's pubs and clubs came out on top in the evening entertainment stakes and students are happy to spend £25 on a decent club night out. Then again, surveys show that 58 per cent of London students manage to spend more money than they have.

Most students live in northwest

TOMORROW

The quality debate in higher education

Top universities in 14 different subjects

How the dons' transfer market will tip the ratings

cannot bring himself to agree. "The and north London, with Camden still proving a popular haunt. Becky Walden lives in the Ifor Evans hall of residence in Camden. She says: "It's such a cool, groovy happening place. I go to Camden

market every weekend and it's totally mad. The Underworld in

Camden has a student night called

Bubblicious. People dress up in felt

hats — it's incredibly funky.

sometimes regret not going to a campus university. I suppose it's just one big happy family there, but London is great."

Many students prefer a campus atmosphere, but even then they often move out into private accommodation in their second year. Adopted Muncunians and Brummies can certainly afford to be happy about the large differ-ences in rent across Britain. The average rent for student digs in Birmingham is one of the lowest at £32 a week, although Bradford has the best deals on accommodation overall with an average rent of only £23 a week. Manchester compares

surprise that London prices are by far the most expensive at £65.

Manchester's 50,000 students are concentrated around Fallowfield. It has a high burglary rate because thieves know when the students are on holiday. While Charlotte Somer was a student, Manchester was frequently referred to as Gunchester. "It added to the glamour of the place in a sick way. Manchester was this place where Indie started with Oasis and there was Hacienda and loads of great innovative theatre.

"It hit a downward spiral with all the drugs and guns, but I think it's starting to pick up again and the club scene is unrivalled." Charlotte lived in hall for the first year and says it was cheap but the food was disgusting, but in her second year she moved first to Rusholme, a popular student area, and then to the notorious Moss Side, where she lived in a "real dive" and even watched a siege with armed police at the house over the road.

Birmingham does not sound quite as racy, but Barry Cooke will

not hear a word against it.

"Most of the students live around Selly Oak. The comedy scene in Birmingham is really fresh, but everything else is as well whatever music you want you can find any night of the week."

Location is obviously important, and students do appear to fall in love with their adopted town or city, but some facts unite students

They have little money; they spend more than they have; they amass debt; they live in terror of finals and yet still manage to have the best three years of their lives,



The social and nightlife can play a large part in attracting students to different universities

Students expect to be poor, and to have a good time

Today's students expect to end up in debt; the only question is how much. As finals approach, the combination of overdraft and three student loans has left me wing almost £5,000.

My financial position is worse than most because I have no income other than the grant and loans. Anyone thinking of a university career should be under no illusion: money will be tight.

The final year is the worst pecause both the grant and student loan are reduced on the assumption that you will be working by the end of the summer term. I will be because it is the only way I will be able to afford the postgraduate course I need to launch

Not that it will be anything new. I well remember the summer of 1995, not for the endless hours of sunshine, but for 110-hour working weeks trying to reduce my debts. By the end of my second year at the University of the West of England 1 was £1,500 overdrawn, not including the student loans.

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In many ways, my debt is self-induced: I tend to eat well, enjoy a drink and have as yet been unable to master the art of staying in 1 accept money worries as part of student life.

Things will not get easier in the future. Grants which have been reduced over the past two years are still going down, while student loans are being increased. Hence the pressure

Debt is a way of life



Andrew England

long-suffering parents) to fund their own studies.

But it is not all gloom and doom. Expectations are now so low that many freshers will not suffer as much as they had anticipated. Simon Underhill. who is in the second year of an advertising degree at Bournemouth University, says: "I was dreading it financially but it turned out to be a lot easier, just by doing simple things such as budgeting food, and picking your nights out instead of going out on whim." However, such discipline

took time to develop. "I didn't expect the expense of the first term - I spent about £300 in a couple of weeks but it was worth every penny because I met so many people."

Now that Simon has adjusted to student life he feels he is in control of his finances. Debt isn't a problem, it just depends on what you are prepared to give up. I spent my summer working for a marquee company but ! earned loads of money and the

job itself was an experience."

After leaving art school in Cardiff after four years, Andy Trottman is an old hand at student survival: "You have to expect debt. A student life is a social life; make do but enjoy

t the end of his course, he expected to be about **1.** £6,000 in debt but finished being £2,000 overdrawn. He says: "Debt didn't worry me - if it came to a crunch I could get a job and pay it off."

The lesson is that most students' perception of debt will change. Its significance does not always lie in its size. but in the worry it causes. Being overdrawn is not a crime. There is always the opportunity of some sort of work, however menial, to alleviate the financial burden.

Thousands will be plunged into debt. Simply be careful and accept that sacrifices will have to be made.

ANDREW ENGLAND

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A simple question of market research

Student Marketing is interested in everything you do

The people at Student Marketing want to get inside your head. If you are a student they want to know what food you eat, how much you spend on beer and what you are up to in the early hours of Saturday morning. They want to know everything about you.

Perhaps they already know too much.

They know that 42.3 per cent of students would vote Labour at the next election, 32 per cent drink one to ten units of alcohol each week and 14 per cent have tried speed. Scary, isn't it?

What newspaper do students read the most? According to the latest research by Student Marketing, The Times is read by more students than any other newspaper. In second place is The Guardian and The Sun

In fact, 40 per cent of students buy a newspaper every day but they are beginning to turn to the Internet for their information, education and entertainment. An estimated 40 per cent of students use the Internet at least once a week, and 21 per cent use it three

times a week or more. John Handelaar, 23, a history undergradtuate at King's College London says: "Everyone is turning to the Net, they'd be mad not to. Universities provide it for free and you can keep in touch with friends in other countries by e-mail or dig out some research for your next essay. I suppose I do waste a lot

of time on it as well." Much of the information on this page has

come from Student Marketing, which is based in London and Edinburgh. It is gathering information on students because big companies and their advertising agents are beginning to sit up and take note of students, and so they should. Students constitute a crucial 38 per cent of 18-to-24 year olds. In the past decade, the student

market has expanded by 75 per cent. Jan Levy, 26, graduated from Edinburgh University four years ago. He was one of three entrepreneurs who founded the hugely successful Student Pages, a large pink book packed with money-off vouchers for students in their local area. In 1996 Student Pages was published in 18 editions and Mr Levy and his partners launched Student

Marketing. ur mission." Mr Levy says, "is for Student Pages and Student Marketing to become the gatekeepers to the market. We are providing a service to both students and companies who want to 'get 'em young' and develop brand loyalty."

Kirsten Williamson, 25, the managing director of Student Marketing, says: "We send fieldworkers out in campuses all over Britain. We now employ about 50 to 60 students part-time to gain snapshots of student life - what they think, how they spend moncy. We can get a snapshot report together in less than 24 hours."

CHRIS HADLEY



■ VISUAL ART 1

The Victoria and Albert Museum leads a nationwide celebration of William Morris



■ VISUAL ART 2

. whose centenary year is marked by a reassessment of his interior design . . .

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.. that includes a survey of his highly influential furniture innovations ...



, and even takes in his revitalisation of the ancient craft of stained elass illustration

Richard Cork on William Morris at the V&A; plus other centenary shows dedicated to a giant of arts and crafts

The man who traded in the best of taste

Morris's name immediately of wallpaper festooned with flowers, leaves and undulating branches. The sheer familiarity of Morris's designs often makes them seem all too predictable. Since 1940, when Sanderson's took over his wallpaper printing blocks, their burgeoning popularity has overshadowed Morris's other multifarious activities. So the major survey of his life and work at the Victoria and Albert Museum, marking the centenary of Morris's death, is a welcome

attempt to redress the balance. This supremely energetic, adaptable and resourceful Victorian never stopped extending his range. Walking through the 500 exhibits assembled in this labyrinthine show is like encountering the achievements not of one man, but a prodigy forever pushing out in a bewildering variety of directions.

Morris's love affair with the Middle Ages began early. As a voice-over informs us at the start of the show, he never forgot visiting Canterbury Cathedral with his father: "he thought the gates of Heaven had been opened to him". The sound of that commentary, repeated remorselessly on a loop, is inescapable as we explore the first section of the show. But if we tire of hearing those reverential words, they do at least drum into us the fervency of young Morris's

Going up to Oxford in 1853, career in the Church and even to found a monastic order. Student life, especially the stimulus of new friends with like-minded enthusiasms, soon persuaded him to pursue a secular career as an architect. But he never lost his devotion to medieval cathedrais. Ruskin's writings fortified his commitment to a pre-Renaissance aesthetic, and after leaving Oxford Morris made sure that he joined the office of G.E. Street, the most prominent exponent of neo-

Cothic architecture. However steadfast his medieval interests may have been, Morris was surprisingly uncertain about how best to channel them. A restless man, whose appetite for versatility grew all the time, he could fairly be described as a workaholic. Abandoning Street after less than a year. Morris immersed himself in art with his friend Edward Burne-

rooms in London as well as an ardent admiration for the Pre-Raphaelites, whose headlong rejection of academic princi-

ples amounted to a revolution. The fruit of Morris's visits to drawing classes can be seen at the V&A, and they reveal his limitations as an artist. The diligent drapery studies. which show an accelerating competence, provided him with a source of reference for design projects throughout his career. But they lack true vitality, and only in an 1857 drawing of Jane Burden does Morris inject his careful draughtsmanship with strong

It turned out to be a momentous year. He had met Burden at Oxford, while collaborating

6 He died worn out by his search for the holy grail of beauty ?

with Dante Gabriel Rossetti and Burne-Jones on an elaborate mural scheme for the Oxford Union debating hall. His drawing of Jane conveys the fervency of his response to a young woman whose large. liquid eyes, swelling lips and dark, luxuriant tresses bewitched him. The portrait is not, however, as openly erotic al drawing Rossetti made of her in the same year. With hindsight, his passion for the woman who became Morris's wife is burningly apparent even at this early stage.

For the moment, Morris

revelled in Burden's faithful presence. She posed for his sole surviving easel picture, a painstaking attempt to depict Iscult pining for Tristram in her chamber. The undone waist-belt clasped so tightly in her hands, combined with the little dog curled up in Tristram's place on the rumpled bed-sheets beyond, give the painting a sexual charge unique in Morris's work. But Iscult's languorous allure is tempered by melancholy. She looks downcast and frustrated, gazing at a bedroom mirror inscribed with the word DOLOURS. And the abundance of props included in this modest-size canvas give

it a claustrophobic air.

Morris was in danger of stifling the picture with his love of elaboration: its acute sense of strain helps to explain why he never became a painter. His friend Philip Webb remembered that after struggling with La Belle Iseult for months, Morris found himself "hating the brute". Henceforth he would direct his formidable energies towards applied art; and when Webb designed the Red House for the newly wed Jane and William Bexleyheath, Morris concentrated on furnishings for the bridal home while Burne-Jones produced the festive

wall-paintings. The brotherly spirit of collaboration at the Red House encouraged Morris to plan his most far-reaching venture: the founding in 1861 of Morris, Marshall, Faulkner & Co. affectionately nicknamed "the Firm". Its seven partners included Burne-Jones, Rossetti, Webb and another distinguished painter, Ford Madox Brown. With such a pool of talent behind it, the Firm was first commercial display two stands crowded with objects and designs at the 1862 International Exhibition. They were positioned, aptly enough.

in the Medieval Court. Morris's devotion to idealised vision of the Middle Ages was undiminished, and it united the stylistic diversity of the exhibits. Both he and his partners were driven by a determination to recapture a lost Arthurian realm, and Morris later declared that houses should be fit for the 'noble creatures, tall, wideshouldered, and well-built, with their bright eyes and well moulded leatures, those men full of courage, capacity and

Morris's exalted description of his ideal clients fails to chime with the people who commissioned the major schemes undertaken by the Firm. St James's Palace and a new refreshment room for the South Kensington Museum were the grandest of its interiors. The Green Dining Room still exists at the V&A, and deserves to be visited as a coda

to the exhibition. Morris himself gradually came to realise that wealthy members of London society, whose houses he transformed with such vigour, were sadly removed from his noble fantasies. He once said he was "sick of ministering to the swinish luxury of the rich", and a visit to Iceland in 1871 ignited a political urge to work for a

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course, is whether such an

alliance has ever been part of

Of all those associated with

Pre-Raphaelitism, Morris has

been, by name at least, the

most widely known - and

therefore, perhaps, the most

ruthlessly stereotyped. There

are certain things everybody

thinks they know about Mor-ris. He totally abominated

industry. He believed that

everything should be made by

hand, in a sort of idealistic,

utopian commonwealth. He

preached Art for the People.

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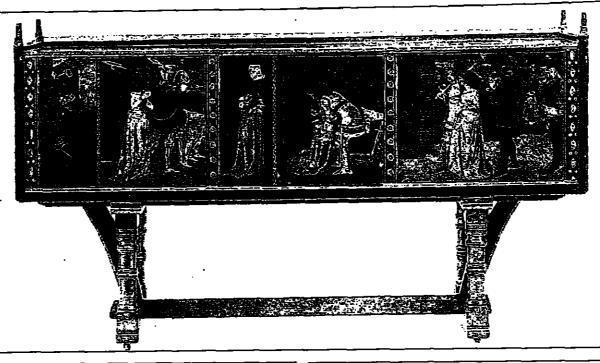
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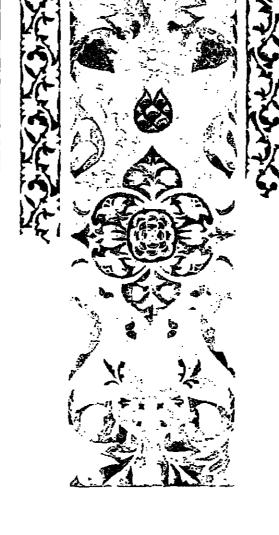
audience.

Morris's legacy anyway.









"A prodigy forever pushing out in a bewildering variety of directions": (Clockwise from top) St George cabinet (1861-62); design for Hammersmith carpet (c.1880); tile with a portrait of Rossetti as Chaucer (1864); Acanthus wallpaper design (1874)

society imbued with the spiritual simplicity he found there. By this time, Morris had reluctantly come to accept that his wife and Rossetti were lovers. But their relationship left a void at the centre of his emotional life, and may well have impelled him to seek solace in excessive labour. The unremitting tasks carried out in his later years are exhausting to contemplate. While

presiding over the expansion of the Firm and its international renown, Morris somehow found time to write poetry. practise calligraphy, champion the conservation of ancient design and publish books and continue to produce assured designs for textiles, grand embroideries, hand-knotted carnets and, most sumptious-

No wonder he did not live to savour an equally productive old age. He died at the age of 62, worn out by his own ceaseless search for the holy grail of beauty in the home. If Morris's attachment to medievalism now seems stifling. his insistence on truth to materials would become a touchstone for the modern

movement. Try to get the most out of

your material," he urged art students in 1881. "but always in such a way as to honour it most." The innovators who transformed 20th-century British sculpture, from Epstein and Gill to Hepworth and Moore, acted on just such a belief.

• William Morris at the Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 10171-938

Morris wanted the crastsman

to be respected, but possibly

Today, he might well be

more at home with some of the

more frankly commercial in-

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glassmakers. They are clearly

artistic as well as being in

touch with practical realities.

But the most astounding thing is to see how little jolt

there is when craft objects a

century apart are juxtaposed.

Not because the new pieces are

not sufficiently modern, but because the spirit that urges Alan Caiger Smith or Janice

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Victoria and Albert Museum

John Russell Taylor on the fruits of Morris's attempt to revolutionise industry through craft - and vice versa

Some marriages are contracted in haste and repented at leisure. Some are so long and carefully planned that they never actuone in which everyone made everything for himself, or, at ally happen. None, apparently, turns out as expected. One of the principal questions in the very least, every small community was self-sufficient. William Morris Revisited: Questioning the Legacy at the But he realised that history Crafts Council is what sort of could not roll back, and so marriage has it ever been concentrated as far as possible possible or desirable to negotion alleviating the situation in

> People could at least be rsuaded to practise crafts for themselves, as amateurs. In late Victorian England they did so already, to an extraordinary degree. It was their taste which needed purifying rather than their interest provoking. They must be persuaded to throw away those hideous designs for Berlin woolwork. and instead follow nature in embroidery or tapestry. If they had to do pokerwork (or pyrography, as it was more grandly called), then at least let it be well designed.

which he found himself.

But encouraging the amateur was only part of Morris's plan. He also wanted the craftsman to be a professional. He or she should be a sort of all-round designer/maker. able to make a living selling what was made. Morris was sensible enough to know also that this would inevitably entail selling to a rich minority audience. Morris did not like he saw the perfect situation as that, but he could live with it - blind him to the values and

for the moment, until, partly through the agency of art, things turned the way he

wanted them to turn. It was not even necessarily bad to to shake hands with the devil of industry. What crafts-men designed might not be made with their own hands. but it was made according to their instructions with little loss of quality and considerably more affordability.

t the Crafts Council a wallpaper by Walter Crane is hung next to one by Lewis F. Day. What is the difference? That by Crane looks a bit more elaborate, but a matter of personal taste. But the Crane, being handblocked, cost more than 30 shillings a yard, while the Day, machine printed, cost more like 3d a

Contrary to popular assumption, Morris did not fail to acknowledge the basic arithmetic. He even went so far as to go into business and, on a small scale, industrial manufacture - with Morris and Co. best known subsequently for its wallpapers and fabries. His personal passion for hand-illumination did not

possibilities of the printingpress, and he threw himself into using traditional methods to make fine books at his own Kelmscott Press. He hoped, obviously, that the craft spirit would gradually take over industry, bringing about a revolution from the inside.

And has it? This is where the show's argument (for, make no mistake, this is an argumentative show) becomes most intriguing. As is pointed out, in Morris's day there was art, and there was industry. Caucht somewhere in hetween were the designers (who might or not be makers to some extent) and the specialists in applied arts. Morris hoped for an amelioration by emphasising the applicability of all the arts.

What has actually happened is that through modern technology industry can easily outstrip craftsman in terms of cheanness and wide distribution. Ironically, the implied price war has pushed the crafts in the opposite direction,

nearer to the fine arts. These days a craftsman is paid like an artist, and his work is bought, not because it is the cheapest receptacle for jam or daffodils, but because it delights the aesthetic senses.

 William Morris Revisited is at the Crafts Council Gallery, 44a Pentonville Road, London NI (0171-228 7700) until June 30

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versatile a designer and craftsman that no single museum can paint a full picture of the neurotic workaholic. But among many celebrating his achievements the William Morris Gallery. housed in the mansion in Lloyd Park, Waithamsto where Morris lived as a child, comes nearest.

Fifty or more designs for textiles and wallpapers are on show, including Morris's original drawings for Acarthus printed velvet and Dardil chintz. Many have never previously been exhibited. Nor has much of the stained glass which forms another show in

the gallery.

This is the medium for which Morris is less well known than his associate and fellow would-be clergyman from Oxford days, Edward Burne-Jones, although both were famed for their imagination and the jewel-like colours

of their work. The most comprehensive permanent display of Morris's life and work is also maintained in the gallery, and in the autumn there will be the first-ever show of Morris tiles. These range from the pictorial decorated fireplace tiles which were among the earliest products of Morris's company to the later organic patterned type that matched his textiles and wallpapers and set a design precedent that has been followed ever since.

The story of Morris and his family's long association with the area is being told in an exhibition at the Waltham Forest museum, Vestry House. Exhibits range from photographs, pictures and other records and memorable. ia of Morris's early schooldays to his involvement in cam-paigns to protect and preserve Epping Forest.

Morris's trip to Iceland in 1871 is marked by another exhibition of memorabilia, including textiles, at St Nicholas Priory in Exeter. The designer had long been steeped in the early Saga literature, was riveted by the strange land-

Kelmscott Manor in Oxfordshire with Mouse, his Icelandic pony. Kelmscott House in Hammersmith, Morris's home for the last 18 years of his life, is now that of the William Morris Society, which is responsible with the Society of Designer Craftsmen (formerly the Arts and Crafts Exhibition Society, of which he was president) for a touring show

the designers he has most influenced. Among the highlights is a poetry book that Morris wrote illuminated for Georgiana Burne-Jones in 1870 and which encouraged his vision of a private printing operation, the Kelmscott Press. Since he never introduced any skill into his work? shops that he had not mastered himself. Morris

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His belief in the wonder of seemingly ordinary things lostered the development of craft as art and inspired the current fashion for recycling.

 William Morris and Morris & Cr Pattern Designs, William Mor-ris Gallery, Lloyd Park, Forest Road, London E17 (0181-527 5782) until July 27

Morris & Co Stained Glass.

Morris & Co Tiles, William Morris Gallery Sep 14 to Dec 7

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 A Vision in Action: William Morris and the Crafts Today. Durham Arts Centre, May 18 to June lo: then touring to Scar-borough, Oxford, Birkenhead, Dorset, Bath and London, For details of tour and other collections of Morris's work contact the William Morris Society (0181-74) 3735) or the Society of Designer Craftsmen (017)-739 3663)

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■ THEATRE

Resurrection is a gauche look at the life of the 18th-century "noble savage", Francis Barber



■ POP

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Angélique Kidjo finds herself surrounded by enthusiastic fans on the stage of the Festival Hall

First shoots of a vintage crop

It may be raining, but the outlook is bright for

Geoff Brown

at the Cannes Film Festival

of the first day at Cannes was of a delegate sheltering gate sheltering her head from the rain with a copy of Variety, largest in size of all the trade dailies published during the festival. What ad-vertisement, I wondered, was seeping into her brain? A Tarantino spoof called Plump Fiction, perhaps? Or Pterodactyl Woman from Beverly Hills? Or maybe the desperately unappealing action thriller whose advertising copy read: "Burt Reynolds is Raven. For years the government paid him to kill. Now

he's self-employed. The Cannes Film Festival market bombards you with so much hype and hoopla like this that some years it is possible to forget there is an official festival going on. But not this time. Hollywood glamour may be in relatively short supply on the Croisette, but star directors are plentiful. The competition section alone features new films from Bernardo Bertolucci, Robert Altman, Aki Kaurismāki and Chen Kaige, plus more contentious notables such as David Cronenberg and Michael

There is also enough British talent on display to merit a from the National Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley. Last night, while some of us were tucked up in bed, she stayed up until the wee hours widening her knowledge of hard drugs by watch-

ing Trainspotting. Doubtless she was told of Leigh's competition film Secrets and Lies. After dousing us with misery in Naked, Leigh lightens the load, brightening his tale of family rela-tions and an adopted daughter with wry humour and some knockabout caricatures. Not that he's forgotten his new maturity: indeed, in his urge to be serious he drags his feet sometimes and gives his characters a scrutiny they cannot

always support. Hortense, a black beauti-



After the unremitting misery of Naked, Mike Leigh loosens up quite a lot with Secrets and Lies, one of the films in competition at Cannes

cian, sets the plot in motion by striving to locate her natural mother. Her quest ends, surprisingly, with Brenda Blethyn's Cynthia, nervy and needy and enduring a dead end life. Further comment should wait until the film opens in Britain in a fortnight: suffice to say that it moves, amuses and annoys in roughly equal measure.

Britain's other competition hopeful, Stephen Frears's adaptation of Roddy Doyle's novel The Van, fared less well with audiences. People came feeling bludgeoned. "Jesus," Colm Meaney shrieks as chip fat spurts into his face (he is partnering a friend in a burger van during 1990. World Cup year). He seems to shriek Jesus" every few seconds. Frears severely miscalculates the amount of boisterousness a film can take; and any thoughtful moments in Doyle's script get trampled by the noise. What with this and Mary Reilly, it is not Frears's

Peter Greenaway, on the other hand, has staged a modest revival in The Pillow Book. filmed largely in Japan and Hong Kong. Gone are the stultifying tableaux that disfigured The Baby of Macon; instead, Greenaway reopens the technological treasure trove he used in Prospero's Books and overlays images in different sizes. This may sound like a session with Windows '95, but no computer could ever have devised the eccentric script about a Japanese fashion model who covcalligraphy. Spontaneity and warmth remain absent from

film demands attention as an exquisite visual conundrum. There is also much to gaze at in Jude, Michael Winterbottom's adaptation of Hardy's novel Jude the Obscure, made in association with BBC Films. Winterbottom, the hot young British director of the moment, may not quite have snuffed out the scent of a BBC costume drama, but he cer-

Greenaway's universe, but the

tainly knows how to present bleak landscapes and constant rain falling on grey stone walls. The script telescopes events too much, which does not help us feel the full agony of stonecutter Jude (Christopher Eccleston) and his illicit union with cousin Sue (Kate Winsler). Perhaps, perversely, this is just as well: if Hardy's stark novel was captured whole on screen, there might be no audience at all.

witching continents. we come to Kansas Altrnan's valentine to his birthplace, although aside from the large quantities of iazz played on screen you never feel much personal emotion coursing through the slick artificial images. The time is 1934; the story concerns the kidnapping of a politician's wife by a telegraph operator who over-identifies with spunky movie heroines such Jean Harlow and Joan Crawford. Equipped with a squawky voice and grimaces

at the end by enthusiastic fans,

dancing and singing along. Kidjo, from Benin in West

Africa, but now resident in

Paris, has become one of the

leading torch-bearers of the

new Afro-pop, a fluid style that

bridges the divide between the propulsive rhythmic complex-

ities of African music and the

Western rock.

galore, Jennifer Jason Leigh gives a thoroughly tiresome performance; what fun there is comes from Miranda Richardson as her captive socialite, befuddled by drugs. Luckily other American di-

rectors seem to be in fine fettle. and capture the sense of place sadly missing from Kansas City. In Lone Star John Sayles explores the ethnic mix of the Rio Grande in a story that starts its winding journey with the discovery of human bones on an abandoned rifle range. Not every twist convinces, but compassion to make this film

The same goes for Trees Lounge, the endearing directorial debut of Steve Ruscemi everyone's favourite actor in American independent movies. The film grew out of Buscemi imagining what his life would be like if he had never left his childhood home of Valley Stream, Long Island. By this reckoning he would be a bar fly, buzzing round a docile town, annoying friends

and family. Buscemi, of course, takes this central role, although he knows enough about ensemble acting to give ample space to the rest of his marvellous cast.

But the most powerful American film to date has been I Shot Andy Warhol, by the Canadian-born Mary Harron. Some of its power comes directly from the main character, Valerie Solanas, a fringe member of the Warhol entourage who unleashed her bile and paranoia by shooting the guru of modern art in 1968. performance as the deviser of Scum (Society for Cutting Up Men); although the film's full flavour derives from the confrontation between her nihilism and the stoned-out vacuity of the Warhol crowd.

Jared Harris's Warhol impersonation is uncanny: you feel the man has come back to life. But the award for resuscitation must really go to Harron, who revives an entire era and art scene with amused

Rowdy tunes require rhinos

WOULD he roll out Bags Groove one more time? You might as well ask whether you will hear Pomp and Circumstance at the Last Night of the Proms. So, at the end of his first set, the dapper Milt Jackson duly tapped the first tumbling phrases of his most

famous tune. In his many years with the Modern Jazz Quartet, the vibraphone master has played that skeletal blues riff thousands of times. It is a measure of his melodic and rhythmic agility that the piece never sounds quite the same.

Critics frequently make the point that he has been at his most effective within the baroque confines of the MJQ. I am not sure that assessment has carried as much weight over the past decade as the quartet's set-pieces grew ever more sedate.

What is still true is that Jackson works hardest with another forceful personality to prod him along. Miles Davis and Thelonious Monk are the two most obvious examples to come to mind.

Mike LeDonne, the pianist in Jackson's current band, carefully avoids upstaging the star of the show. That inevita-

Milt Jackson Rhythmic, N1

bly means there is less of the structural contrast and interplay that distinguishes Jackson's best work. But when, as on this evening, he unleashes such a prolific string of solos, only a curmudgeon would find cause for complaint.

Inspiration flagged only on the over-familiar In A Senti-mental Mood and the tame Latin beat of This Masquerade. Otherwise Jackson assembled a cleverly arranged sequence of pieces - including Benny Golson's Whisper Not and an up-dated treatment of Monk's Off Minor — which lifted the performance far above the level of a blowing

Mickey Roker, a replacement for Connie Kay in the MJQ, was the ideal drummer for this repertoire: subtle on ballads and a charging rhinocerous on the rowdy uptempo numbers.

CLIVE DAVIS

Still in the swing

NOW 75, trumpeter Clark Terry forged his career in the big bands of everyone from Charlie Barnet and Lionel Hampton to Quincy Jones. Count Basie and Duke Ellington. "One of the all-time jazz greats" was how John Dankworth introduced him to a packed Wigmore Hall, for a concert in which they were joined by two players from a younger generation: bassist Alec Dankworth and pianist

David Newton. Terry shows few signs of age or fatigue, but his maturity shines through even the most familiar material. It takes considerable skill to inject life into such old Perdido and God Bless the Child, but uncompromising professionalism concealed in one of the most charmingly urbane stage manners in jazz has always been Terry's

hallmark. His style, while firmly rooted in the relaxed but massive swing of the big-band era, frequently draws on the edgier, more complex articulacy and wit associated with bebop. and the quartet's opener, the

fleet Haig and Haig, neatly

Clark Terry Wigmore Hall

demonstrated both strands of his talent. John Dankworth, too, given a rare chance to shine in an informal, straightforward jazz context, showed what a subtle and affecting alto player he is. The next number, I Don't

Want to be Kissed, showcased another aspect of Terry's playing: his influence — particu-larly through his pioneering use of flugelhorn - on the sound of Miles Davis. On both this and a typically warm, sweetly plangent The emphasised just how much of a debt is owed to him by today's flugelhorn and muted-trumpet balladeers.

Dankworth fils and Newton provided crisp, lucid support throughout, and John Dankworth lent an easy-going elegance to the proceedings on clarinet and soprano as well as alto. But this was Clark Terry's night — and he deservedly raised the roof.

CHRIS PARKER

Blame it on the doctor

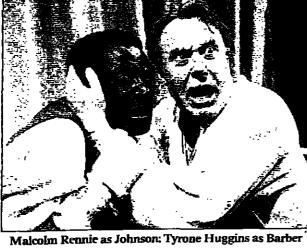
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Resurrection Bush

ne of Samuel Johnson's masterpieces, Rasselas, involved an Abyssinian prince who left his native Eden to explore a world that proceeded to disillusion and disappoint him. But that was nothing beside the misfortune that eventually overtook the black man Johnson knew best. Francis Barber was born a slave in Jamaica, became Johnson's amanuensis, inherited a small fortune from him, yet managed to end up in a hospital for the destitute. Being a Noble Savage in the 18th century, or a Rasselas in Merry England, could be a sad, sordid business.

So Maureen Lawrence suggests in the two-hander that Paines Plough is bringing to the Bush. I am happy to believe her, but have to say that her play is pretty gauche, both in form and content. In the first half Malcolm Rennie's Johnson is on his deathbed in London - amplified wheezing indicating from offstage that the end is nigh and in the second Tyrone Huggins's Barber is similarly placed in Stafford. Each time. I found myself wishing the poor fellow would buck up and smuff it.

Not without awkwardness the actors change ages, and even characters, as they bob about in time. Barber meets Johnson as a boy, runs off to sea, returns, marries a white Woman and has children. tends the great doctor in his last illness, and obeys his last wishes by moving to the supposed security of Lichfield. where he is snubbed by the



populace and falls seriously horribly arrogant. But Johninto debt. Huggins brings a nice mixture of pride and vulnerability to this journey; but Rennie copes less well with the role of Johnson.

The astringent if slovenly doctor comes across as a kindly blob, a sanctimonious softie who wobbles about the stage saying things like This is the greatest democracy in the world, yet there are beggars on every street". The somewhat mixed impression Johnson makes is. however, in keeping with his author's attitude to him. Yes, he is capable of reducing an Oxford college to uproar by suggesting a toast to slave rebellion in the West Indies. No. he is not the champion of

equality he thinks he is. What makes Resurrection so maddening is that it judges the liberalism of 200 years ago by the standards of Hampstead today. If a modern employer behaved so possessively to a modern Barber, or made an inheritance condinonal on his settling in the sticks, we would find him

son's affection for his servant and companion was clearly genuine, his generosity to him considerable, his desire to ensure his safety not unreasonable given the temper of the time. Isn't it smug and presumptuous of a late-20thcentury playwright to point an accusing finger at him?

For that's what happens at the end of Penny Ciniewicz's production. Johnson, says the dying Barber, was a good man, but his "conscience money was mine by right, not favour". Nothing, he adds, can compensate him for what has been done to him and his. And he climbs into his makeshift coffin, declaring that Anglo-Saxon civilisation will have to make "a proper reckoning" if it takes a thousand years. In other words. Johnson should have felt contrite, and you and I should atone for our inherited guilt. It is a preny dismal conclusion to what might have

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been a much more enlighten-

POP: African diva Angélique Kidjo and country's Steve Earle

IT IS unusual to see security A slave staff at a concert assisting the audience to mount an invasion of the stage. But given the to the open-hearted warmth and ir-resistible rhythmic tug of Angelique Kidjo's bravura performance on Sunday, it rhythm seemed only natural to find the singer, along with her seven-piece band and a wildly athletic, voodoo-spirit dancer, vastly outnumbered on stage

Angélique Kidjo Festival Hall

galese star Youssou N'Dour and Kidjo herself, with her international hit Agolo, has kept the profile of such music higher than it has ever been, particularly in Europe. Kidjo's set echoed the pio-

electric instrumentation of neering work of Nigerian crossover star Fela Kuti, whose song Houngbati she While the vogue for "world music" has faded since the performed, while her guitar-1980s, the success of the Seneist, Olivier Ajavon, paid skill-

ful homage to Carlos Santana, with a handful of fluent, highvoltage solos. But with her full-blooded

voice and commanding stage presence, Kidjo stamped her own mark of authority on a set that ranged from the gently paced Fifa, a heartfelt plea for peace and harmony, to the disco groove of Shango. With her severe features

and flat-topped haircut, she looked like a benign and much smaller version of Grace Jones, and Kidjo was nothing if not a slave to the rhythm. " wonder if the sound of the drums still has its power," she sang after drummer David Fall and percussionist David Mirandon had produced a mighty display of polyrhythmic ingenuity as a prelude to The Sound of the Drums. The answer was self-evident.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Jest a bad ol' boy at heart

STEVE EARLE made his appearance unannounced. strolling on stage to join his support band, the V-roys, looking every inch the longhaired "country outlaw" in leather jacket and shades. But the audience's initial expectations were confounded when he launched into the Slickers' reggae classic Johnny Too Bad, which he described as "a Jamaican hillbilly song".

When he returned soon afterwards it was with the Dukes, featuring guitarists David Steele and Mark Stuart, plus bassist Kelley Looney and drummer Custer: the rhythm section from Earle's 1988 album Copperhead Road. They began with Feel Alright, the upbeat opening track on his current album. but the two-and-a-half-hour set drew on his ten-year back

Steve Earle Empire, W12

of songs by the Rolling Stones, Bruce Springsteen and Bob Dylan. In mid-show Earle did a

solo spot beginning with the two most intense tracks on his new album: first South Nashville Blues, performed in such a Robert Johnson style that you could almost feel the hellhounds on his trail, then CCKMP (Cocaine Cannot Kill My Pain), which detailed the prolonged drugs habit which he only managed to lose during a drugs-related prison

sentence two years ago. When Earle sang songs like this, or the harrowing Ellis Unit One, it became clear that he is truly a "country outlaw" in the Johnny Cash and David

than a heart-throb in the clean-cut mould of the new Nashville heroes. This was also made clear in his ceaseless quips, which covered everything from Garth Brooks and hallucinogenic mushrooms to his six marriages ("Lou-Anne and I decided to get married again, cos our divorce didn't work out").

During the second encore the show came full circle when Earle and the Dukes were joined by the V-roys and a tinwhistle player for a rousing version of Johnny Come Lately, which he originally recorded with The Pogues and which was inspired by a night on the tiles in Camden Town.

Earle no longer has those kind of nights, but he still seems fired by that spirit.

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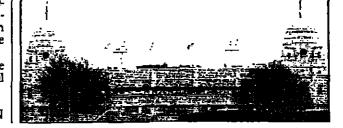
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The actress Cybill Shepherd makes her British singing debut in London

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CHOICE 2

Michael Pennington is Archie Rice in The Entertainer VENUE: Tonight at the Watermill, Bagnor

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Champion of

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John Allison meets Henri Dutilleux, the

80-year-old composer currently visiting

London for a celebration of French music

t 80 years of age, Henri Dutilleux is the epitome of a

great-hearted French com-

poser. Throughout his small

but distinguished output of work he

has always championed an elevated

notion of beauty, and in conversation

he still defends it vigorously. Indeed,

there is little about this sprightly

octogenarian to betray his age, not

even the way in which he negotiates the

old staircase leading to his modest

apartment on the He St Louis in Paris.

for the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

They're impatient because I'm late,

and it's not for the first time! This year

is hard for me because of my birthday.

I have a lot of petits voyages to make.

The journeys can be interesting and

they make me happy when I hear good

performances, but I must say that they

interrupt the continuity of my work -

if I don't have at least an uninterrupted

month, I don't work well. There's a

phrase from Baudelaire about daily

work carrying interest like capital - it

allows you to go further. I need my discipline. I mustn't complain, but

Dutilleux is making one of his petits

voyages to London where, next Tues-

day at the Festival Hall, he will be

featured in Apres l'apres-midi II, the

ten-day festival of 20th-century French

music. Along with his wife, the pianist

Geneviève Joy, he will also participate

in a masterclass, discussions and performances at the South Bank

Centre, Wigmore Hall, Royal College

in between such major opuses as the

anniversaries cut two ways.

At present he is working on a piece



MUSIC 1

Henri Dutilleux takes time out from his busy schedule as London celebrates the octogenarian French composer



■ MUSIC 2

A compelling performance from Rostropovich on the podium with the LSO at the Barbican

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LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA The conductor Matislay Rostropowch The conductor Matisar Rostropovich opers tompris concern with Richard Rodney Behmett's ebullient Partiz for Ordresstra Britisher's Serenade for land-hugh Seenani and Shostakovich's Frith Symphony complete the programme. Berishean, Sik Street EC2 (0171-858 8891) Tonght, 7,30pm.

CHAMBER MUSIC The Academy of Ancient Music -- Frenk do Brune, Ancient Music — Frenk do Brune, oboe, Antony Pay, ctarinet, Darrry Bond, bassoon, Anthony Haistead, hom, Robert Lewn, lortepiano — play Mozert's Quintet in E flat for bano and winds. Two pieces by Beethoven, including his Pathelique Sonate, bring the evening to a satisfying conduston. Wigmore Hell, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935-2141), Tonight, 7 30pm PORTIA COUGHLAN: Derbhia Crotty in the title role of Manna Carr's play, which opens here tonight. The loss of a drowned twin brother is set against the ordinamiess of small-town freland

DEFINITELY DORRS. Revue style musical celebrating the life and songs of Miss Day High sugar content. Pring's Head. 119 Upper Street, N1 (0171-228 1916). Tue-Sat, 8pm: mat Sat and Sun, 3,30pm. Until May 26 € ☐ GOOD BONES: Nick Cohen's adaptation of the Margaret Atwood mythological novel, comorning Adal and Eve figures, genesis, ser and

cooking. Southwark Playhouse, Southwark Bridge Rd, SE1 (0171-8203494) Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sal, 8pm MA LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC. Elegant Metricas or Somherm's Sweders charmer Judi Denoti, Palmos Hodge, Sién Phillips and Lambert Wilson emong the stars shinting in the hight. National (Univer), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight and Iomorrow, 7 15pm; mat Wed 2pm In rep. (6) ☐ RESURRECTION: Paines Plough's much-admired play by Maureen much-ecrimed play by Mauren Lawrence comes here sher its nationwide tour. Penny Cinewicz directs. Malcolm Remire and Tyrone Huggins as Dr. Johnson and he black servant, Francia Barber.

Bush, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388) Mon-Sat Sprn. SALAD DAYS: Welcome return of Julian Stade's musical, directed by Ned Shemn Nicola Fulljames and Smon Connolly play the lovers in a company that includes Kit and the Widow.

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STONEWALL (15): Events leading up calebration of gay New York, with Guillermo Diaz and Frederick Weller Director, Nigel Finch Chaptern Picture House (0171-498 3323) MGMa; Piccadilly (0171-437 3561) Shaffesbury Avenue (0171-83 3561) Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-63 6279) Notting Hill Coronet () (0171-

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CURRENT ◆ THE BIRDCAGE (15): Crass, causty take of Le Cage aux Folias, with on Williams and Nathan Lane as the TODAY'S CHOICE

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Directed by Garry Hyrnes Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Tonight, 7pm Then Non-Sat 7,30pm; mats Set 3,30pm.

ELSEWHERE BAGNOR: First night for Michael Pennington as Archie Rice in a slightly edited version of The Entertailner, edited version or the same directed by Stephen Rayne.
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Them. 17 30om. Then. (01835 46044) Tonight, 7 30pm Mon-Set, 7.30pm (geospt June 8 is Thurs and Sal 2 30pm. Until June 8 🔊

GLASGOW Puggin's unfinished reagram opus, Turandos, is given by the Soutish Opera, as part of the oty's ongoing Maylest celebrations. With Kathleen Boderick in the title role, the Chinesa tenor Deng as Prince Celat and Stafford Dean as Timur. Sung in Italian. with English surfiles Richard Amistrong with english surfiles Richard Amistrong to the conductor. Theathe Royal, Hope Street (0141-332 9000), Toright, 7 Sprim Then May 18, 21 and 23.

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THREE SISTERS: Out of Joint's widely acclaimed production back in London for one month; three changes in Mar Statlord-Clark's cash Lyrle, King St. Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311) Mon-Sel 7,30pm; mats, Wed and Sal 2,30pm; Linti-June 1 (2) ☐ TOLSTOY. Feable attempt to suggest what went on in the home of the great bearded monater F. Muray Abraham plays the complicated novelet and Germa Jones his infunded wife, clawing at each other in James Goldman's play about their curdied

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◆ IL POSTINO (U): Michael Radiord's heartwarming delight about a simple man opening his oyes to poetry MGMe: Painton Street (0171-930

marriage. Tony Award-winner Jack Hotses directs Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003) Mon-Sat, 7 45pm; mais Thurs

BASINGSTOKE: English National Ballet presents a thriling and varied repartoire of one-act ballets, including Maura Bigonzatin a calciamed Symphonic Dances. David Lichne's Graduation Ball and Kernetik MacMillan's My Brother, My States The Anvill, Churchill Lane (01268 846744). Tought and Internation

844244) Tonght and lomanow. 7 30pm Next in Crawley. The Hawth (01293 553636), May 21-22.

NEWBURY: The Russian State
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> Second Symphony. In spite of its THE chance to hear the the pianist Evgeny Kissin play in London within four days of each other is not only a privilege but a revelation. At 22. Vengerov is younger than his compatriot by three years: yet he is the adult, Kissin still the child. While Kissin breathes the rarefied air of the hothouse, Vengerov's music-

making takes relaxed lungfuls of the big outdoors. Although Vengerov won his major awards and made his significant debuts when he was just 16, he has never really been projected as a prodigy. Age, indeed, is an irrelevance when listening to his perfor-

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diversity, his music is characterised by

bright sonorities and what he calls his 'harmonic conscience". Debussy and Ravel are an obvious part of his musical make-up, but Dutilleux cites even the Franco-Flemish polyphonic composers of the Renaissance as influences. His highly individual style sets him apart from major colleagues such as Messiaen and Boulez, but he refuses to see

himself as artistically isolated. "My style evolved from the realisation of the things I lacked. Despite my good education at the Paris Conservatoire, I didn't know classics such as the Beethoven quartets, or the works of Bartók and the Second Viennese School. The serialists were not taught at the Conservatoire in the 1930s.

"Many important names were barely mentioned. There was a big gap between official teaching and real musical life so I had to discover them for myself. I did not like the 'terrorism' that the serialists imposed, but certain orchestral works of Schoenberg and Berg gave me something special in my search for rare colours."

olour and harmonic sensuality are the key ingredients of a French sound in music. Their presence is especially strong in Dutilleux's work, not only in the Van Gogh-inspired La Nuit Etoilée that the Philharmonia Orchestra performs in this festival's final concert. "Colour is important to me because I grew up with art. In my youth our house was full of paintings, especially by such artists as Corot and Delacroix.

"My great-grandfather, also an artist, was a friend of both men. In fact. Corot attended his funeral. But until I came to Paris to study I was surrounded by those paintings - it became stuffy and oppressive. So it was a total revelation to discover the Impression-



Dutilleux his "search for rare colours" shows up in La Nuit Etoilée

painters like Kandinsky. Many contemporary painters are my friends - 1 can't live without art."

Dutilleux is now one of the grand old men of French music. He was appointed Professor at the Conservatoire in 1970, after holding posts in French Radio and the Ecole Normale de Musique. During the Occupation he eked out a living as an arranger of nightclub music and a singing coach at the Opéra, having been forced to return home a year after winning the Prix de Rome. Has he never been inspired to write an opera?

"It's my great regret not to have written one. People encouraged me, I was practically commissioned, but I was preoccupied with other works. ists, and a marvel to find abstract Perhaps my temperament doesn't allow me to throw myself into such a venture, perhaps I write too slowly. And I hesitated a lot over a subject

I spent a whole summer searching, looking especially at short stories by foreign writers. Now it's too late. ('ve taken up a project for voice for the Berlin Philharmonic -- maybe it will become a prologue to an imaginary

"I know I love the theatre - I discovered that with my ballet Le Log in 1953. It was an adventure for me. They've just revived it at the Opera, but I wasn't invited. Perhaps they think I'm dead," shrugs a man whose music has never seemed more alive.

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mances. The deep calm of totally focused concentration with which his Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto began on Sunday night was entirely typical of Vengerov as an unusually mature performer.

He was in no mind to hurtle on to the fireworks, and Mstislav Rostropovich, who had already held the London Symphony Orchestra well back in the Sea Interludes from Britten's Peter Grimes, seemed to relish the chance to be as expansive as possible.

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entire concerto scemed contained in the soloist's opening

phrases: Vengerov was determined to work from a high, long-sighted vantage point. Each of the principal themes took its contour from individual notes which were

deeply and purposefully etched. The cadenza was a little sonata in itself, with every sinew of the body stretched to seek out maximum expression. The central canzonetta bore

soloist's passagework was

no more weight than its name implies. This was the lightest of songs, with the bow barely grazing the strings, yet making exquisite chamber music with Andrew Marriner's principal clarinet. For the finale, Vengerov became the haunted

with dance episodes almo grotesquely characterised. After the interval, Rostropo-

vich conducted a compelling performance of Prokofiev's Sixth Symphony. This dark work has seldom seemed darker: both men, after all, had witnessed many of the same horrors in the Soviet 1940s. The LSO responded with alert empathy, maintaining momentum through the testing slow movement where the composer of Cinderella looks out with the wide eyes of a child but the furrowed brow of a Boris Godunov.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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its sights on union's heartlands

By Christopher Irvine

OT content with showing rugby union how to run with the ball, rugby league is venturing further beyond its tight scrum of clubs in the North into union heartlands. Cardiff and Dublin are in line to join London and Paris in the Stones Super League as early as next year. Barcelona and

Milan are other targets.
The possibility of the new
South Wales club, presently Wales club, presently playing at Aberavon in the second division, being "fast-tracked" into the Super League for 1997 is backed by a seven-figure sum and a switch to Cardiff Arms Park. A Dublin franchise also has business support and Lansdowne Road would be an obvious venue.

However, raising a competi-tive team in Dublin might ve more difficult. Although



Ireland reached the final of the Emerging Nations' World Cup last year, the side is nowhere near the calibre required. Substantial and costly team building would be needed in a country where the sport

Wales is old, yet unconquered, territory for rugby eague. South Wales have made an encouraging start in the second division and instant promotion to the Super League would entice a strong Welsh contingent home. The meeting of Sheffield Eagles and St Helens at the Arms Park on June 8 is an opportu-

nity to gauge public interest. An expansion of the Super League from 12 to as many as 16 teams in future years. which club chairmen will discuss today, could also include an East Yorkshire

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club, provided that Hull and Hull Kingston Rovers can see past traditional enmity towards a merged future.

Jacques Fouroux, the Paris Saint-Germain chairman and former France rugby union coach, wants to establish a Barcelona side, based on players from the Perpignan region in southwest France, 100 miles north. More ambitiously still. a Milan side also springs from

Fouroux's vision. Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League chairman. said yesterday: "I believe in meaningful expansion, not fanciful expansion. New clubs must be backed by credible business plans, with quality players and stadiums, with the ability to draw on

The first division, too, is to be enlarged, with the introduction of two leading French sides next season, who will also compete in a play-off competition with the top two first division teams at the end of this season. Lindsay also announced a "plate" competi-tion for losing clubs in the early rounds of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup outside the Super League and a doubleheader final at Wembley next May. The Regal Trophy is a confirmed casualty of the move to summer. The world club champion-

ship has virtually been written off for this year because of the dispute in Australia, which yesterday embroiled Gary Connolly and Jason Robinson, of Wigan. Both players have long-term contracts with the Australian Rugby League (ARL), which will "withdraw" them from England's side in the European championship next month in a tit-for-tat exchange over a threatened refusal by some Super League players to represent Australia in the forthcoming series

against New Zealand.
"If they [the ARL] try to bribe them not to play for their country, it will be interesting to see what a judge in this country would say," Lindsay said. "We're going to select them and the ARL will have to do its worst."

League sets Davies gets round to self-congratulation

Patricia Davies on

the British golfer

whose resolve earned her a third major title

aura Davies is not given to self-promoting hyper-bole, but she did allow herself a generous pat on the back after her triumph in the McDonald's LPGA Championship late on Sunday. "That's the best round of golf I've ever played in the final round of a major tournament," she said.

Mark Fulcher, who caddies for Davies every year at the Dupont Country Club in Delaware, went even further. "It's the finest round I've ever seen

her play," he said. Davies, 32, held her nerve on a windswept and waterlogged course to produce a final round of 70, one under par, which gave her a level-par total of 213 and left her one shot ahead of Julie Piers, who also broke par on a day when the average score was 76.1.

Jane Crafter and Penny Hammel, who came home in 33, tied for third on 215.

On a course that she loves because it allows here to give full rein to her driver, Davies had 17 pars and one birdie in a remarkable display. However, it was not birdies that won Davies, 32, the third major title of her career - she had only five in the three rounds — so much as pars. She had 45 and Fulcher reckoned that no putt and no par was more important than the one from six feet that Davies holed for a five at the 9th early on Sunday morning, to complete her storm-disrupted second round.

Davies had to play only two holes - others had to play as many as 11, including Catrin Nilsmark, the first-round leader, who was so bewildered by the biting, swirling wind that she missed the cut - but she had the worst possible start, taking five at the 8th.

Stunned, Davies salvaged that par at the ninth and a breakfast of steak and eggs set her up for an afternoon of attrition. Kelly Robbins, the defending champion, was two under par and led by a shot from Hiromi Kobayashi, of Japan, but Robbins knew that she needed a rest even before the championship began and slithered to a round of 79.

By RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Fide, the World Chess Federa-

tion, has clarified its assertion

that the prize fund for the Karpov-Kamsky Fide world

championship will be \$2 mil-lion (about £1.3 million). In a

statement last week, it was explained that \$400,000 from

this sum would be levied as a

tax to Fide, while a further

\$500,000 would be donated as

a charitable fund for the

children of Kalmykia. This

leaves \$1.1 million for the

players. Here is an early win

by Karpov against the young

Kamsky. The game is typical of the dour and unremitting

Nimzo-Indian Defence

style of both players.

White: Gata Kamsky

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Black: Anatoly Karpov

Koybayashi dropped shots at the first two holes and, when Crafter had a birdie two at the 5th, she was in the lead on her own at level par. She bogeyed the 9th, however, to share the lead with Davies. Kobayahsi, Val Skinner, Shirley Furlong and Annika

Fide prize



Davies celebrates sinking her putt at the 16th to take the lead for the first time. Photograph: Roberto Borea

Sorenstam. It was anybody's LEADING ENAL SCORES championshp and, at one stage on the second nine, Davies, an inveterate watcher

of leaderboards, saw that

there were II players within a

It was Davies, though, who

broke the deadlock at last, at

the 16th, the par-five that she

bogeyed last year to turn the

championship in Robbins's

favour. Then, Davies had a

six-iron for her second shot;

on Sunday, she needed a

three-wood. It missed the

green, but she pitched to 18

feet and holed to lead.

shot of the lead.

"It was the first time all week I'd had my nose in front," Davies said, and she kept it there, just. She came to the last needing a par four to win - barring any late heroics by Kobayashi - and hit a solid two-iron off the tee. However, her three-iron second shot, also solid, was bunkered on the left, 20 yards or so from the pin. Walking to her ball, Davies reminded herself that she had got up and down at the same hole

three years ago to win. Thus fortified, she hit a sand wedge to ten feet and, on a green where very little had been holed all day, sank the putt.

"I'm as impatient as ever," Davies said, but her performance belied that. It was a mature, masterly display of control, both of swing and self. A speedster on and off the course, she took her time. She hit 13 greens and, when she had to step back from a putt. to settle herself in the wind,

she did and she holed all the par-saving four- and five-foot

Davies reminded people that she won her US Open title on a Tuesday after numerous delays and problems with the weather — and. having won the LPGA title twice in three years, she is moving up the list of major championship winners. Of contemporary players, only Patty Sheehan and Pat Brad ley, with six, Betsy King and Amy Alcott, with five, and Hollis Stacy, with four, have won more majors than her.

It was the 43rd victory of her career and her thirteenth in the United States. The first prize of \$180,000 (about £115,000) moved her into second place on the money-list with \$416,941, behind Karrie Webb, of Australia.

IN BRIEF

Rusedski falls at the first hurdle

GREG RUSEDSKI bowed out in the first round of the Italian Open tennis tournament in Rome yesterday. In a contest of two big servers, Rusedski was beaten 7-6, 6-3 by Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, the No 2 seed, who relied on his fierce forehand and the occasional touch shot to secure

Rusedski, 22, who switched his citizenship from Canada in order to represent Great Britain in the Davis Cup, learnt yesterday that Britain's proposal to play their away tie against Ghana in July at Wimbledon instead of Accra had been turned down. David Lloyd, the Great Britain captain, had been roundly condemned in Ghana for opposing the trip because it would involve a long flight, injections and possible illness in the critical period between Wimbledon and the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

McMillan hopes

Boxing: Colin McMillan has his first important contest on the road back to the top when he challenges Jon Jo Irwin, the British featherweight champion from Doncaster, in Dagen-

ham, tonight. In 1992, McMillan was the most exciting boxer in the country, but, after he dislocat-ed his shoulder defending his World Boxing Organisation title against Reuben Palacio. of Colombia, he was never able to recapture his form. McMillan believes that, if he can take the title from Irwin, it will be the first step towards a match with Naseem Hamed.

Davies dictates

Real tennis: Wayne Davies, the former world champion. scored a spectacular straightsets victory over Paul Tabley. his fellow Australian, to win the BNB Resources British professional championship at Holyport, playing error-free tennis for much of the match. Davies now looks an even stronger favourite for the Laurent Perrier masters championship next week.

On shortlist

Equestrianism: William Fox-Pitt and Kristina Gifford, who had to miss Badminton, the main Olympic trial, two weeks ago, because of injury to their horses, are included on the shortlist for the British Olympic three-day event team subject to satisfactory further work with their horses, Cosmopolitan II and General

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HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT The technique on this hand is obvious when you think about it. However, John Armstrong, my man in the North West, reports that two Lancashire county players missed the point.

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follows low, he puts in the

jack. If East wins, he will be

out of clubs and so will have to

give South his tenth trick via a

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GLORIA

By Philip Howard

WORD WATCHING

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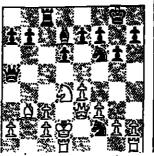
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WINNING MOVE

Qe8 Bd7

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Cruz - Talavera, Seville, 1996. Earlier in this game, Black sacrificed rook for knight on the c3 square and now has the opportu-nity to regain this material by capturing either of the White rooks. However, he found something much stronger. Can you see what?



Cup defeat the spur for Neath

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Welsh League and Heineken, its sponsor, part company after this season, but their six-year alliance will be drawn out to the last moment. The league title will not be decided until this evening, the last day of an extended season, when it will either remain at Cardiff Arms Park or pass to

The argument over bonus points for tries continues, but it has produced a situation in which Neath lead the first division only by virtue of having scored six more tries than Cardiff; both clubs are on 67 points for a season in which four clubs have come through to dominate domestic rugby.

That quartet are matched tonight: Llanelli, lying fourth, visit Cardiff and Pontypridd go to Neath, whom they beat in the Swalec Cup final to win their first title of note. That disappointment will be the spur for Neath.

On the face of it, theirs is the harder task. Pontypridd have been the division's best defenders and they have named a strong team, though there are significant absentees in Paul John and Dale Mc-Intosh.

Were Llanelli to win, of course, it would probably hand the title to Neath. Wayne Proctor, who will be required as full back on tour of Australia with Wales, is in his normal position on the wing and Matthew McCarthy is at stand-off half against a Cardiff team including 11 internationals, of whom two. Adrian Davies and Andy Moore, are playing their last game for the club before moving to Rich-

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Essex shrug off loss of Gooch and Law to emphasise title credentials

Inspirational Irani rises to challenge in victory pursuit

SOUTHAMPTON (final day He hit four sixes and four of four): Essex (23pts) beat Hampshire (8) by four wickets

IF THE purpose of four-day cricket is to simulate the demands and longevity of a Test match, then here was rich justification. Few county teams have the capacity to win after conceding upwards of 500 in the first innings and confronting a chase of more than 300 on the final afternoon, but Essex, old hands at such missions improbable, achieved a memorable result with comparative comfort, extending their se-quence of championship wins

Their pursuit of 329 in 69 overs was finely judged and calmly sustained through the loss of Gooch and Law at delicate moments. A fifthwicket stand of 112 in 16 overs between Prichard, the captain. and Irani, the all-rounder, brought victory into view and the manner in which trans saw it through, with two overs to spare, was further evidence for his promotion to England colours in the Texaco Trophy next week

A week ago, at Worcester. Irani demonstrated his relish for a challenge with a thrilling, match-winning century after Essex had subsided to 32 for five. The chase only serves to inspire him, as he emphasised yesterday, batting with selective violence and using his height, reach and strength to great advantage.

fours in making his 81 from only 77 balls.

Essex have been adept, down the years, in integrating and improving players dis-Irani, who joined from Lancashire in 1994, is one example and another may be Paul Grayson, released by Yorkshire at the end of last season. but already impressing the old

TABLE

heads at Essex with his attitude.

Registered primarily as a batsman, he is also proving a useful, second-line bowler, and it was his left-arm spin that prised out Hampshire's three remaining wickets in the morning session, though only just in time to keep the target within reach. Hampshire's grip on this match was eroded by woeful batting against Such on Saturday evening. The fact that their last three wickets added 108 put the pitch conditions in perspective and Prichard's reliance on spin through 80 minutes of cricket was beginning to seem misplaced as Whitaker, his bat perpendicu-lar in his stance, carried the Hampshire lead to 300 and

Gooch took the final catch and scurried off to don pads, but, for once, his was not to be the critical innings. The old boy was to blame for Robinson's run out in the last over before lunch, and he fell to a good one from Connor soon afterwards. Hussain and Law put on 64, but both were out with the game still in the balance, Law failing to make a century for the first time in four innings on this ground and Hussain failing to make his elusive first hundred of the

At 168 for four, with 161 required from 27 overs, Hampshire sensed their chance. Irani snuffed it out with the conviction of a supremely self-confident cricketer. His treatment of Udal was calculatingly brutal and, despite hopping around for some time after a blow on the foot from Connor. his innings was chanceless and composed. He left the field with a mile-wide grin of the sort that Essex may be practising with regularity this summer, for, if any side is likely to give Warwickshire a



Hussain drives Udal to the boundary as Aymes looks on. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Leicestershire draw comfort from record

THE reintroduction of points for a draw in the county championship inspired some resistance from Leicestershire and Derby-

At Old Trafford, Paul Nixon and David Millns, of Leicestershire, established a county record partnership for the eighth wicket to leave Lancashire frustrated.

Nixon and Milins came together on Saturday with their side still 161 runs short of the follow-on target, but went on to make 172, overtaking the 164 scored by Maurice Hallam and Terry Spencer against Essex at Leicester in 1964. Nixon batted for more than five hours for his 106.

Yorkshire at Sheffield.Craig White, of Yorkshire, reminded the England selectors of his credentials with a devastating burst of four wickets for three runs in 11 balls just as Derbyshire were looking well placed to reach their target of 288 in 50 overs.

Desmond Haynes, the Sussex coach, conducted an inguest behind a locked dressing-room door after Warwickshire's innings and 139 runs victory over his new charges at Hove.

Warwickshire, the county champions, took 65 minutes to take the remaining four wickets and ensure that they began their assault on a third successive title in emphatic style. Sussex have won only one of their eight matches.

McCague offers all-round reminder to England

BY PAT GIBSON

THE OVAL (final day of four): Surrey (11pts) drew with

MARTIN McCAGUE has not crossed the minds of the England selectors since he bowled one of the worst opening spells in the history of Test cricket on the 1994-95 Australian tour, but they will have to think about him again if he produces many more allround performances like the one that stood this match on its head vesterday.

First, McCague, born Northern Ireland, raised in Australia but now very much a man of Kent, made 63 not out, the highest score of his career, enabling Kent, having started the day only 106 runs ahead with four wickets in hand, to set Surrey 227 to win in what turned out to be 50 overs. Then, he took their first four wickets for 33, including a equence of three for three in ll balls, to give Kent a scent of victory before Surrey's sev-enth-wicket pair of Butcher and Julian held out for the final 27 overs.

Cowdrey, the last recognised Kent batsman, had disappeared in the second over, leg-before half-forward to Martin Bicknell, and, when Thompson was caught behind of Bicknell soon afterwards. Surrey thought that they would have plenty of time to catch their evening flight to Belfast for their Benson and Hedges Cup match against Ireland today.

McCague kept them wait-ing until the last minute. Twice, he had to send for the pain-killing spray after being struck on the elbow as he ducked into short deliveries from Lewis, but he ignored the discomfort to bat for 21 hours. hit seven fours and put on 89 for the ninth wicket with Patel.

The eventual target was well within Surrey's range, considering that they had made 307 off 40 overs on Sunday, but this was authentic first-class cricket and McCague was in the mood to give their bowlers a short, sharp lesson in the virtues of pitching the ball up. Brown, who had caused such mayhem on Sunday, was caught at mid-off, checking a drive in his second over, Darren Bicknell leg-before in his third and Thorpe, back

when he should have been forward, bowled in his fifth. Stewart briefly threatened a revival, but McCague got him. too, beautifully caught at second slip by Hooper, before his arm began to stiffen and force Kent to turn to spin. Hooper and Patel accounted for Hollioake and Lewis in quick succession, but Butcher and Julian had no great difficulty

in taking Surrey to 160 for six.

Century by Dale opens the way to success for Glamorgan

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NORTHAMPTON (final day of four): Glamorgan (22pts) bt Northamptonshire (7) by five wickets

LEFT to score 279 off what ultimately proved to be 64 penultimate ball of the match. Three declarations were necessary to bring this about, which said something about the state of the pitch, but the victory was well merited. Adrian Dale, whose place was far from assured last year, made an excellent century and was ably partnered for much of his innings by Tony

At tea, Glamorgan required 154 off a minimum of 30 overs. Maynard, it seemed then, was more important to their ambitions than Dale. The cricket was compelling while the captain was at the wicket, as is customarily the case. This was not least the case when he was looking to hit Emburey off his length. Assuming the captain-cy has not inhibited him.

On the other hand, it has not quelled his impetuosity. After tea he looked to pull Taylor, through mid-wicket and skied to mid-on. Morris had gone before him, attempting to increase the scoring rate by taking a risk or two against Emburey, but Dale remained.

It is three years since Dale batted sufficiently consistent-ly to gain a place on an England A tour. After that, Vivian Richards departed and neither Dale nor Glamorgan were to be reckoned with to the same extent. Bowlers worked out for themselves his strengths and weaknesses, the upshot being that he was

dropped last year. Now, on a pitch that had, if anything, become easier 12 bat on than on the first day. Dale found the ideal partner in Cottey. Together, they put on 117 in 22 overs against field placings that increasingly smacked of Sunday league cricket. Emburey eventually accounted for Dale, taking a straightforward return catch, but Glamorgan's requirements were by now within their compass.

Off the last ten overs, 59 were needed. To cope with the short ball. Cottey was deployng a tennis smash as effectively as anything more conventional. He and Butcher had to score 14 off the last two overs, then six from the final over, bowled by Emburey and even that most astute of cricketers could not prevent them from achieving it.

Cottey finished unbea-ten with 65 from 77 balls. including five fours and nu merous improvised twos and

Symonds keeps his options open was not exactly clear. He is Davis and Jonathan Lewis,

BRISTOL (final day of three): Gloucestershire drew with the

AS FAR as the English press are concerned, the puzzle wrapped in an enigma which is the availability of Andrew Symonds to play for England, selected, remains unresolved. Direct speech from Symonds on the subject continues to be elusive. Philip August, the Gloucestershire chief executive, repeats until he is blue in the face that Symonds will be available, if selected. Symonds, in response to repeated questions on the subject, has yet to come out of the closet.

Symonds did tell an Indian journalist: "If they give me a break, I want to play for For whom, though,

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apparently keeping his op-tions open until forced to declare his intentions. Although unlikely, the need for a decision could face him this weekend with the selection of the England party for the

The Indians, meanwhile, left Nevil Road in a far better frame of mind than they left Worcester after their first venture in English first-class cricket. An overnight declaration by Mark Alleyne, with Gloucestershire still 155 runs in arrears (and on the understanding that there would be no follow-on) threw the match wide open. The Indians responded and a proper game of cricket ensued.

Although victory proved elusive, the Indians were visibly happy with the turn of events. Had it not been for

down, battled for 20 overs against every variation that Azharuddin could devise, it would have been over early. As it was, although Davis fell to the excellent Srinath and the Indians squeezed in six extra overs, no further success

came their way. From first to last yesterday, scoring quick runs on a pitch that offered the bowlers more help than at any other time in the game was not easy. The seamers were able to nip the ball around and it was prone to keep low, but the Indians went for their shots and, despite losing six wickets, made 144 before declaring at lunchtime, leaving Gloucestershire to make 300 for victory at five runs an over. Gloucestershire never really

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They lost their first three although Symonds made 28, it took him more than an uncertain hour to score them. He and Hancock put on 59 in 17 overs without ever mastering the Indian bowlers. Srinath and Prasad bent the ball wickedly off the seam and were a rare handful, and, once

had to play for a draw. During their morning quest for runs, the Indians pressed on regardless despite the regular fall of wickets. Ganguly, a left-hander, was their main provider. He made light of his nought in the first innings. clipped II lours, and a six off the last ball of the Indian innings, in his 64 and set up the Indians with a reasonable chance that they only just

Symonds left, Gloucestershire

Colin Wells and Paul Aldred, Derbyshire's ninthwicket pair, held out for seven

Tetley's Challenge Series Gloucestershire v Indians BRISTOL (final day of three): Gloucester share drew with the Indians IMDIANS: First Innings 406 (N.S. Sidhu 115. R. Dravid 86 not out, V. Rathore 63, S. V. Manjrekar 55. M.W. Alleyne 5 tor 81)

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LANCASHIRE: First Immigs 495 (W. K. Hogg 134, M. A. Atherton, 87, G. D. Lloyd, 65, N. J. Speak 55, A. R. K. Pierson 4 for 100)

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Score at 120 overs: 319-7 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-22, 3-64, 4-98, 5-98, 6-142, 7-185, 8-357, 9-374 BCWLING: Martin 28-7-57-1 Auctin 22-6-35-0 Walkinson 34-12-71-4: Elworthy 24-4-0 133-3, 4 nody 26-10-59 2 Gallun 3 0-6-0 Umpires H O Bad and R A White

Middlesex v Durham LQRD'S (Ins.) day of lour! Middleser (20pts) best Durham (5) by 306 runs MIDDLESEX. First, Immigs, 191 (M. W. Gallang 74, M.J. Fostor 4 (g. 21) Second Inverge 391 (M W Gatting 171, P N Viorites 73, M M Betts 4 for 101) DURHAM: First Houngs 208 (C W Scatt 5%)

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-YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS Northants v Glamorgan Sussex v Warwickshire NORTHAMPTON thinal day of four) Glamorgan (22pts) beat Northamptonshin (7) by live wickets

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GLAMORGAN: First Innings 35 (for 7 doc (G P Butcher 89, S P James 76, M P Maynard 52)

Maynard 52)
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HOVE (final day of lour). Wenwickshire (24pts) beat Sussex (2) by an innings and 139 runs. WARMCKSHIRE: First Innings 645 for 7 dec (D A Reevo 168 not out, T L Pennsy 134, N V knight 132, D P Oster 90)

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39-14-86-3, Smith 9 1-1-33-3 Umpires, J.W.Holder and J.A.Haider

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No quarter asked in tense finale

KENT, who were the beaten Benson and Hedges Cup finalists last season, could today be eliminated from the competition this year despite going into their final group game with a 100 per cent record. (Alan Lee writes).

The situation in group C is so complicated that four teams remain in contention for the two available quarter-linal places. Kent, with four wins from four games, could miss out if they lose heavily to Glamorgan while Somerset beat Essex at Taunton.

Essex, having suffered a last-ball, one-wicket defeat against Kent, can proceed only they beat Somerset and Kenl win. The match at Taunton brings together the top two. sides in the county championship.

Lancashire, the holders.

have won their past il completed Benson and Hedges games. They are already safe ly into the last eight from group A. along with Warwick shire, the 1994 winners. Their meeting today at Old Trafford only decides which of them will receive a home draw. The same position applies in

group B, where Northampton chire and Yorkshire play of for home advantage in the quarter-final, but, in group D. the game between Gloucestershire and Hampshire, at Bristol, is effectively a straight accompany Surrey into the

last eight. Durham have appointed Mike Candlish, a business man, as their third chic executive in five seasons i first-class cricket. Candlish 48. follows Mike Gent and Alan Wright, who both parted company with the club had



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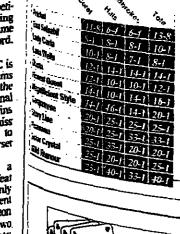
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Tax plans threaten **Overseas owners**

By RICHARD EVANS. RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE spectre emerged yesterday of the Maktoums and other leading overseas owners pulling out of British racing or dramatically reducing their involvement because of the tax policy of a future Labour government. The Maktoum family alone could face a tax bill of up to £100 million a year under Tony Blair, it was claimed.

Jim Furlong, a former stock-broker turned City headhunter who is standing for election to the Racehorse Owners' Association (ROA) council, belies a "conspiracy of silence" has surrounded the potential effects of Labour tax policy on foreign-based owners - and he wants British racing to debate and prepare for the potentially disastrous consequences.

Of the top 15 owners last year, only three - Lord Weinstock, Mollers Racing and Cheveley Park Stud were British residents for tax purposes and Furlong esti-



Furlong: warning

mates that 60 per cent by value of the 6,000 Flat horses in training are owned by non-

Although Labour has been deliberately non-committal about domestic tax rates, "Tackling Tax Abuses", a party document published in November 1994, dealt specifically with offshore loopholes and stated how it was easy in Britain for some people to pay little or no tax by claiming to Furlong says the level of be non-resident or nondomiciled.

in a Sunday newspaper article nine days ago, Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, wrote: "Millionaires who avoid all their bills and pay no tax will have to pay their fair share under Labour. I will make sure we close the tax loopholes which they exploit to avoid paying their fair share for the good of Britain."

Furlong, 41, said: "The question the racing industry must address is what happens when a Labour government changes

the rules and foreigners are taxed on that part of their worldwide income that they remit to the UK to pay their UK expenses, including training fees.

The Labour party will act to tackle non-residence status and a key area of focus in their November 1994 policy statement was the issue of the nondomiciled who are able to live in the UK free of tax."

Apart from the Maktoums, owners who could be affected are Khaled Abdulla, Fahd Salman, Walic Said, George Strawbridge, Peter Savill and Robert Sangster.

Furlong, who owns Wroughton House Stables in Newmarket, from where Jeff Pearce trains, said British racing had benefited from the generosity of the Maktoums and other Middle East owners for more than a decade. "What has happened is that the whole industry has based its strategy on the continuation of such overseas subsidy and the result is that British racing has not been very forward thinking.

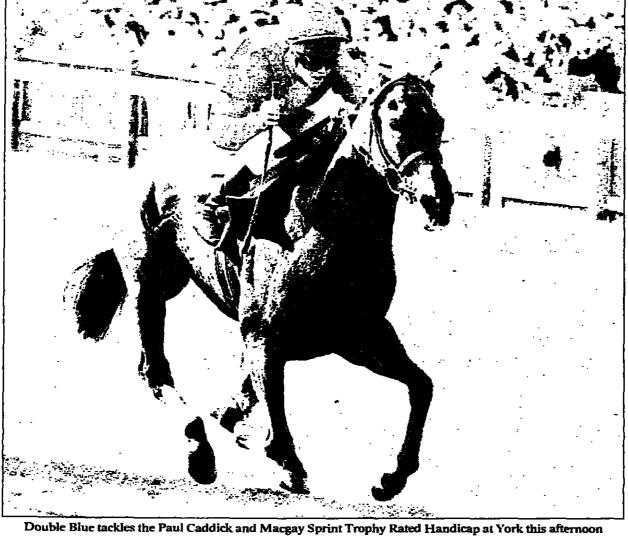
"Contrast that with the Maktoums, who have established Godolphin and a worldwide racing effort and are now beginning to lift their eyes from the micro to the macro. They are positioned for a phased withdrawal if the need arises. They have trainers in the United States. France and Ireland as well as Godolphin, and they possess a tremendous degree of flexibility."

He recalled how the Maktoums boycotted the important Houghton sale in protest at VAT - when prices at the top end fell by 40 per cent as a result - and commented "paying tax does not sit well with people from the Middle East."

Trying to estimate the potential tax bill facing big overseas owners is not easy. but with the Maktoums on record as having 800 horses in training in Britain, around 600 at stud and 16 stud farms. not to mention various residences and the Racing Post.

expense is considerable. "You have to put it at around £200 million gross. At present tax rates that would mean a tax bill of £80 million and under Labour that could reach £100 million," he said.

If the Maktoums withdrew, the effect would be devastating. "You would have a massive shock to the existing economic structure of racing and it would probably take a decade to recover. We have to start thinking ahead and planning now. We will have to be less dependent on foreign



Stylish Ways appeals in sprint

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2.35: Dombey, a progressive individual, can follow up his Kempton gains. On that occasion. Pat Eddery rode an aggressive race to secure a prominent position in a big field and the colt responded by drawing away from some uninspiring rivals. This long straight looks made to mea-sure. Humourless dismantled what should have been a wellmatched field at Pontefract last time. He looks a bigger danger than the stablemates Double Diamond and Pleasant Surprise. The last named finished well when unsuited to the tight Chester circuit but drops back in distance. Villeggiatura disappointed on his reappearance while Mancini is unproven at this trip.

3.05: Madly Sharp seems best at this time of year and triumphed on his reappearance at Newmarket, where he travelled strongly throughout. However, this course and distance winner has more to

owners in the future. I cannot

believe there are so many

intelligent people in racing

who have not addressed this

Unless the Government

consented to losses on training

expenses being tax deductable.

Furlong believes a major re-

structure of racing's finances will be inevitable — involving

the levy, sponsorship, tele-

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tributions and stopping bet-

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do from 71b higher in the handicap. Master Planner goes well fresh and has lipped to an attractive mark. He is best on a fast surface and will make his presence felt. In an open sprint, Stylish Ways makes plenty of appeal at a big price. He won first



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

time out last season and was subsequently highly tried. He has since joined Sally Hall's stable and the move may have pepped him up.

Javannpee's recent Newmarket victory was his first for 21 months but this enigmatic performer looks harshtreated from a olb higher mark today. A similar remark her superiority. Overnight applies to Top Banana, who has been heavily punished for finishing second to the inform Anzio at Newbury.

3.40: Although Magnificient Style finished ahead of Ruznama when the pair filled the places behind Pricket. Barry Hills's representative can turn the tables. Magnificient Style is inclined to pull hard and this small field will not help her cause. She also looked uneasy on fast ground at Newmarket

Ruznama, who looked sure to progress from her reappearance, broke the course record when beating the subsequent French classic winner, Ta Rib, on fast ground last season. She proved superior to Obsessive in September and can emulate her dam, Last Feather, triumphant in this event 14 years ago. Sea Spray had Sil Sila well behind when winning at Kempton last month. The latter improved when a distant third behind Bosra Sham

but Sea Spray should confirm

rain would help her.

4.10: Tykeyvor looks the safest choice in this tricky heat. The six-year-old, fairly treated on his best form, should strip much fitter for a recent outing. Remaadi Sun deserved

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DOMBEY (2.35 York) Next best: Sketch Pad (2.00 York)

his most recent victory but, like Lord Hastie, will find this much tougher. Polydamus, Progression and Domappel appear in the handicapper's grip but Prize Pupil has claims after a promising reappearance. Conversely. Casual Water is not harshly treated but lacks the benefit of a recent run. Although Advance East is hard to evaluate, he is probably capable of better.

JULIAN MUSCAT

3.55 BARGAIN-BUY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

7-4 George Lane, 5-2 The Black Monk, 6-1 Bushops Castle, 8-1 Cheveloy Dances 10-1 Canadas, 12-1 Gibert, 16-7 other;

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7-4 The Jogger S-2 Gee Double You. 4-1 Clobracter Lad, 8-1 Paper Days, 10-1 Antactic Call, 12-1 Highway Jim

4.55 BALTYBOYS INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,641: 2m 110yd) (9)

7-4 Tungsten, 3-1 Dungle Wood, 7-2 Rock On Honey, 6-1 Fools Nook, 18-1 Tingnith Lad, 16-1 Red Viper, 20-1 Gypsy Blues, 25-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERS: S Griffiths, 3 winners from 9 numers, 33,3%, M Pipe, 51 from 253, 27,4%, 3 Edwards, 7 from 26, 25,0%; N Henderson, 7 from 45, 15,6%, R Bodder, 4 from 26, 15,4%; J Gillord, 8 from 78, 10,3%.

JOCKEYS: R Durweroody, 32 winners from 124 rides, 25.8%, A P McCov, 12 from 49, 24.5%, D O'Soffman, 3 from 15, 20.0%, D Bridgmales, 14 from 72, 19.4%; R Suest, 5 from 35, 14.3%, J R Kawanagh, 4 from 26, 14.3%.

4.25 JORROCKS NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE

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FORM FOCUS

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Shallord dam maiden half-sister to useful sprinte

2.35 SHEPHERD TROPHY RATED HANDICAP (3-Y-D. £12,885: 1m 2f 85yd) (7 runners)

(5) 165-421 DOUBLE DAMORIO 9 (1655) (2nd Middletram Partnership) M Jo (7) 166-41 HUMOURLESS 21 (0,6) (Sheish Mohammed) I. Cumani 9-4 (2) 62210-2 PLEASANT SURPRISE 6 (F) (Abdullah Ali) M Johnston 9-3 15) 44-11 DOMBEY 38 (6) (Lary Rotechid) R Charlon 9-2 (1) 421- MANCAN 266 (F) (Mrs. A Yearley) M Bell 9-2 (4) 2014-0 VILLEGGIATURA 9 (F) (Multouri R Matteum) B Halls 9-0 (3) 204-436 WARNING REEF 8 (F Shechari) M Charlon 8-12

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FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE DIAMOND beat Shium 14 in 14-runner Swes: 2000 Guness at Detsdorf (1m, soft). HUMBURLESS beat Noble Sponter 5 in 7-runner rated states at Portelesct (1m 21, good) PLEAS-ANT SURPRISE neck and 14 it 2nd (later promoted to 2m) of 13 to Montecrato (tater placed lact) in handlage at Chester (1m 4 65pd, good). DOMBEY completed double, beat Bellator 21 in 15-runner

handicap at Kempton (Im II, good) MANCAN best Half An Inch 31 in 6-numer marden auction at Brighton (71, firm) VILLESGIATRAN best effort fact season, beat Prize Genny 41 in 10-numer marden at Salesbury (71, firm) WARNING REEF 31 3rd of 14 to Sorbie Tower in handicap at Sandown (Im, eooth on pepulymase start.

3.05 PAUL CADDICK AND MACGAY SPRINT TROPHY RATED HANDICAP (£11,274: 61) (9 runners)

| NATION | Control | Contr BETTURE: 11-4 Top Barana, 9-2 Madly Sharp, 5-1 Everglades, 6-1 Astrac, 7-1 Jayannpee, 8-1 Double Macter Planner, 20-1 Helio Master, Stylish Ways.

1985; VENTURE CAPITALIST 6-9-3 Alex Greanes (15-2) () Nictions 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

MADLY SHARP best Venture Capitalics head in 11-numes handcap at Neumantel (61, good to firm) with ODURLE BLUE (56 beder off 61 7th snot HELLO MISTER (41b beder off 111 111b, STYLESH WAYS best effort last session, 5kl 3xl ol 8 to Pipe Major in group 8 Van Geest Chieron States at Neumantel (71, good to 8mm), EVERSLADES 1xl. 2nd ol 9 to Ritamal in conditions race at Sainstony

(6), good in limity. JAYANIPPEE beat Sit Joe; met.k. in "34-numer handicap at Neumarket (6), good to firm) ASTRAC about 71 6th of 14 to 12 facts in handicap at Neumarket (7), good to firm) TOP BANANA %1 2nd of 13 to Andio in handicap at Newbury (5), good to 2oft) exit JAYANIPPEE (18) better (11) 63d 8th Selection. TOP BANANA (nap)

3.40 TATTERSALLS MUSIDORA STAKES

(Group III: 3-Y-0 fillies: £25.304. 1m 2f) (5 runners) 401 (3) 13 MAGNIFICENT STYLE 9 (0.6) (Businam Dei Holdings) H Jeol 5-6 M J Kintarie 95
402 (4) 212-4 OBSESSINE 9 (6) (Cheveley Pan Sucin M Scotte 8-8
(5) 0131-4 RUZNAMA 9 (F.6) (Hamdan Al Matoumi, B Hutts 8-6 W Carson 97
404 (1) 10-1 SEA SPRAY 38 (6) (Lord Wentsock & 5 Wentslock) P Chepple-Ham 5-3 J Reid 97

1995: PURE GRAIN 8-10 J Read (Evers law) M Sloute 5 ran FORM FOCUS

MAGNIFICENT STYLE 5161 3rd of 7 to Pruckel in lifeted race at Monimarket (1 m. 21, good to famo) with relLCNAMAA (5th better oil) 1344 th. OBSESSIVE state of the projection in conditions race at Neumarket (71, good to farm). RIZDNAMA (58b better oil) 1344 th. OBSESSIVE state of the projection in conditions race at Neumarket (71, good to farm). RIZDNAMA (58b better oil) 5497 and 10 butter oil) 5497 and 10 butt

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4.10 YORKSHIRE LIFE MAGAZINE HANDICAP (£7,570: 1m 3f 195yd) (11 runners)

| 27, 27-10, | TH ST | 19-7yU) (11 Tutilities) | 601 (5) 541111- NNEST WISELY 243 (F.6) (J Smath) | J Exclude 4-9-11 | R Cochrane 502 (2) 20210-4 POLYDAMAS 10 (F) (A Christoploulou M Stoute 4-9-7 | J Rold 503 (5) 62-6315 | PRIOSRESSION 9 (B.CD.RF.F.G.S) (A Corne) C Marray 5-9-5 | Directory 504 (3) 37005-8 | TykerVork 21 (F.6) (Septrous Boodstook (FU, Lib) Lady Herner 5-9-1 K Darley 505 (11) 112213- CASUAL WATER 208 (D.F.G.) (G Leabam) A Newcorrite 5-8-13 | M Henry (5) (9) 130-525 | DOMAPPEL (F) (S.F.F.G.) (Mc J Leabam) A Newcorrite 5-8-13 | M Henry (5) (5) (7) (8) 51300-3 | PROPER PER 14 (F) (Sharing 5-96) (C Wald 4-8-11 | B Tromson 5-96 (10) 163-5130-3 | PROPER PER 14 (F) (Sharing 5-96) (Wald 4-8-11 | G Durifield 5-96 (10) 164-512 (DRO HASTIE 12 (D.RF.F.G.S) (Mc J Bendall) C Thomson 8-8-5 | T Outim 5-96 (10) 164-512 (DRO HASTIE 12 (D.RF.F.G.S) (Mc J Bendall) C Thomson 8-8-5 | T Outim 5-96 (10) 164-512 (DRO HASTIE 12 (D.RF.F.G.S) (Mc J Bendall) C Thomson 8-8-5 | T Outim 5-96 (10) 164-512 (DRO HASTIE 12 (D.RF.F.G.S) (Mc J Bendall) C Thomson 8-8-5 | T Outim 5-96 (10) 164-512 (DRO HASTIE 12 (D.RF.F.G.S) (Mc J Bendall) C Thomson 8-8-5 | T Outim 5-96 (10) 164-512 (DRO HASTIE 12 (D.RF.F.G.S) (Mc J Bendall) C Thomson 8-8-5 | T Outim 5-96 (10) 164-512 (DRO HASTIE 12 (D.RF.F.G.S) (Mc J Bendall) C Thomson 8-8-5 | T Outim 5-96 (10) 164-512 (DRO HASTIE 12 (D.RF.F.G.S) (Mc J Bendall) C Thomson 8-8-5 | T Outim 5-96 (10) 164-512 (DRO HASTIE 12 (D.RF.F.G.S) (Mc J Bendall) C Thomson 8-8-5 | T Outim 5-96 (10) 164-512 (DRO HASTIE 12 (D.RF.F.G.S) (Mc J Bendall) C Thomson 8-8-5 | T Outim 5-96 (10) 164-512 (DRO HASTIE 12 (D.RF.F.G.S) (Mc J Bendall) C Thomson 8-8-5 | T Outim 5-96 (10) 164-512 (DRO HASTIE 12 (D.RF.F.G.S) (Mc J Bendall) C Thomson 8-96 (10) 164-512 (DRO HASTIE 12 (DRO H BETTIME 5-1 Advance Each 11-2 Publianes, 6-1 Casual Water, Domandel, Progression, 7-1 Prize Pupit, 8-1 Tylegyror, 10-1 Lord Hastie, Remeatif Sun, 12-1 Invest Wisely, 33-1 Elpida.

1995: ARCTIC THUNDER 4-10-0 K Darley (9-2) Lady Hernes 10 ran FORM FOCUS

INVEST WISELY completed tour-terms, beat Upper Mount Clar 11 in handicap at Yarmouth (2m 2t. good) POLYDAMAS 7½H 4th of 13 to Ball form in handicap of Neumanited (1m 2t. good to firm) and hearmanited (1m 2t. good to firm) on peruliments at all Thin's (1m 4t. good to firm) on peruliments start CASIAU WATER reach and short-hand 3rd of 19 to Blacking Flame in handicap at Ooncaster 11m

4.40 YORK RACEDAY RADIO CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-0: £6,207: 1m 5f 194yd) (5 runners)

BETTING: Evens Lallans, 7-4 Summer Spell, 7-2 Athenry, 16-1 Rivercare, 33-1 Down The Yard 1995: STELVIO 8-13 M J Kmane (13-8 lav) H Cecil 7 ran FORM FOCUS LALLANS 21 2nd of 3 to Deshyantor in conditions race at Remmarket (fm 41, good to limit) SUMMER SPELL heat Ambern 80 in maden at Doncaster (fm 21, 110yd, good to cott) ATHENRY heat Disablewed Selections: LALLANS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: There are no horses blinkered

10 Patno, 12 Skelton Countess, 14 Ballan Towcester Going: good to firm

Fallon strikes at Redcar

season when landing a 27-1 double aboard Panther and Hawksley Hill at Redcar yesterday. Panther, dropped in grade

after running second in a

YORK COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Charlion, 11 winners from 36 runners, 30.6%; H Cecil, 24 from 90, 26.7%; P Chapple-Hyam, 11 from 49. 22.4%; Lady Hernes, 6 from 27, 22.2%, P Cole, 14 from 74, 18.9%; M Stoute, 21 from 15, 18.5%; 115. 18.3%.

JOCKEYS: W Carson, 30 winners from 195 rioles; M J Kinene, 8 from 56 14 3%, G Duffield, 7 from 50, 14 0%; J Reid, 18 from 137, 13.1%; T Quinn, 11 from 104, 10.6%.

BIG-RACE ACCEPTORS: JUDDMONTE LOCKINGE STAKES (Group 1: 272,841 LOCKINGE STAKES (Group I: \$72,841 m) (10 acceptors)
Antumn Affair tranted by C Britain), Brief Glimpse (D Cheppell), Charmwood Forest (S bin Surcor), Gabr (R Armstrong), Nwaamis (J Dunlop). Prince Arthur (P Chapple-Hyam), Smart Alac (L Cuman), Soviet Line (M Stoulet Spectrum (P Chapple-Hyam), Timarida (J Oto). To be run at Newbury on Salurday.

RACELINE 0930 168+ COMMENTARY



Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market **VODAFONE OAKS** Epsom June 7 **GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES** Oral Mile 11-5 6-1 6-1 S-I S-I S-I 10-Bini Salsal 10-1 5-1 7-1 5-1 Lady Carla 12-1 14-1 14-1 14-1 Luna Wells 12-1 10-1 10-1 12-

Magnificient Style 11-1 16-1 11-1 20-

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RACING AHEAD

A glance at the betting for the Vodatone Oaks would suggest that Pricket has only to turn up at Epsom on June 7 to add to the Godolphin team's string of classic victories. However, while she has done nothing wrong in winning her only two races, it is easy to pick holes in the form and she is unlikely to start any shorter than the 13-8 now on offer. Bird Salsabil remains second favoluite in some lists because

issue."

bookmakers.

of her excellent pedigree, but after her poor run in the Guineas she has surely been exposed and, in any case, looks as though she may not stay the Oaks trip. Luna Walls won the group three Prix Vanteaux at Longchamp test month on her first outing since being switched to Andre Fabre, and is likely to run again in the Prix Saint-Alary on Sunday. She would be a threat if making the fourney from France, but is far from certain to do so. The Herry Cecil-trained Quota puts her reputation on the line in a listed race at Newbury on Friday, She will improve on her debut success at Sandown, but home reports suggest that Cecil has a better Oaks chance with Lady Carls After losing Pricket to the Godolphin team at the end of last year, Cecil will be keener than ever to win the fillies' classic, and with Lady Carla he has every chance of doing so. She

coped well enough with the Epsom-like bend in the Lingfield

Oaks Trial on Saturday, winning in fine style, and is sure to

improve to the experience. At 10-1 with Coral, LADY CARLA

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER 1.45 Out Ranking. 2.15 Tearful Prince, 2.50 SECRET FOUR (nap). 3.20 Supposin. 3.55 George Lane. 4.25 The Jogger, 4.55 Tungsten. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:

1.45 STATUS MOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,157, 2m 110vd) (4 runners)

1 PPF0 DAMAS 11 (5) M Pape 5-11-9 D Barrows (7) 91 2 UP2U PALACE PARADE 6 6 Ham 6-11-5 S Burrough 66 3 0504 SWEET TRENTINE 10 M Lae 5-11-4 R Johnson 86 4 3112 OUT RANKING B (0.F.6.5) M Pape 4-11-0 D Bridgwater ■ 1-2 Out Ranking, 9-2 Sweet Trentino 6-1 Damas 10-1 Palace Parade.

5-2 Sea Patrol. 4-1 Cracking Idea, Tearlid Prince, 5-1 Cellic Silver. 7-1 others 2.50 MAY HANDICAP HURDLE

(£3,553 2m 3l 110yd) (4)

2.15 TEARFUL PRINCE. Carl Evans: 4.25 The Jogger

2.15 ERNST & YOUNG NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,625 2m 4t 11Dyd) (4)

3.20 STATUS HANDICAP CHASE

1 03PO RUMAWAY PETE 41 (D.F.6) M Pipe 8-11-10. D Bridgwester 98 2 440U MADART B (B.F.) D Gardollo 7-11-5 D Swyme ED 3 PIOS KEEP ME B MROD 10 (CD.F.) N Michell 7-11-5 D Skyme ED 4 31PP SECRET FOLR 89 (CD.F.) Mrs 5 Williams 10-11-3 . A P MicCoy 98 -4 Rumandy Pele, 5-2 Secret Four, 3-1 Keep Me in Mitrel, 4-1 Nadyab

1 233P MUGONS BEACH 11 (F.G.S) M Pipe 11-12-0 D Bridgwater 97 L 3-10U ARMALA 13 (F.G.S) J Gilbord 11-10-3 . L Aspek (5) (E) 2 P110 S LPPOSM 17 (B.F.G.S) Mr. 5 Smath 8-10-0 . R Geneal 90 4 3462 RATHER SHARP 7 (C.F.S) C Pophem 10-10-01 Dascombe (3) 78 11-10 Magora Beach, 2-1 Armata, 5-1 Supposm, 8-1 Rather Sharp

Southwell

C324.50 CSF E33.63 Tricash E332.47.
4.15 (1m.21), CLASSIC FIND I₂ Mackey, 10-11, 2, Get Away With It (it. Fallon, 3-1 play); 3, Lord Of The Manor (M. Hills, 12-1).
ALSO RAN 2-1 jlav Mohannad, 7-2 Vinds (5th), 6 Ambassadori (4th), 50 Clash Of Swords 250 Respecting 8 ran-4), 3-14 4i, rb. 5 Williams at Newmarkel Tote: £14.00, £2.80, £1.00, £3.70 DF-C3.00, C5E-C3.00, £2.00, £3.70 DF-C3.00, C5E-C3.00

Going: standard 2.30 (5f) 1. JUST VISITING (M Henry, 25-11. 2, Whizz Kid (Darren Moffatt, 25-11. 3, Bollero (G Center, 5-6 Lay). ALSO RAN: 6 Motly Music (4th), 7 Fit For The Job (5th), Nampara Bay (6th), 10 Captern Picard, Rons Revenge, 11 Impertal Garden, 20 Wedding Music 10 ran, NR Miss Barcetona, 294, rd, 71, 1s1, 4, J Wilson at Preston, Tote: £40 10: £13,90, £7.80, £1,00 DF, £242,70, Tho: £203,60, CSF-£445,20.

3.30 (2m) 1 TOP PRIZE (G Bardwell, 8-1):

4.00 (fm) 1. DISTINCT BEAUTY (Emma O'Goman, 9-1), 2. Hadadebble (N Cartsle, 25-1), 3. Grey Galava (J. F. Egon 7-2 tay), ALSO RAN 5 Lady Dignity (6th), Noble Carronire (5th), Toflee, 9 Jatmaid,

10 Pauno, 12 Switch Courtees, 14 Salaro Lady, 16 Prudent Princass (4th), 11 ran, 41, 1%, hd, &i, sh hd W O'Gorman at Newmarket Tote: \$3.00, £3.60, £9.90, £1.10, DF £139.60 Tho: £261.20 (part won; pool of £184.01 carried lotward to 4.00 at York today), CSF £179.49 Tricast: £22.00 to \$1.00 to

4.30 (Sh 1, COME TOO MAMMA'S (G Carter, 100-30); 2. Run Lusy Run (F Lynch, 4-1), 3, Who Told Vicky (J F Egan, 2-1 tay) ALSO RAN 5 Face It (5th), 12 Midnight Times, Rahona (4th), 14 Ramsey Pride (6th), 16 Chilled Wine, 33 Chioszymp, 9 ran, 34, 34, 144, 24, 57 J Berry at Cockerham, Tote: C3.10; £1.80, £1.90, £1.10 DF: £5.50 Tro: £3.70, CSF-51.75.3 Rought in 3.200 ares

5.00 (1m 3t) 1. CANTON VENTURE (J. Moon, 4-1 (j-law), 2. Silver Hunter (L. Newton, B-1); 3. Personimus (P Fessey, 6-1) ALSO RAN, 4-1 (j-law Carol Again (sh), 5. Mr. Monarty, 8. Mazzla, Pedelhothemetal (6th), 10 Thornwama, 12. Watch Me Go (4th), 14 Milliown Classic, 16 Mega Tid. 11 ran, 2½1, 1¼1, 61, 2½1, nk.; 8. Woods at Newmarkst. Tote. 57 20; 53.50, 52.50, 52.00 DF: £42.20. Trio £194.70 CSF: £38.06. Tricast. £186.82 Placepot £29.10.

Windsor

6.05 (1m 67yd) 1. Delight Of Dawn (C Scally, 7-1); 2. Move With Edes (14-1); 3. Addov (14-1) Sunley Secure 6-1 (av 2) ran. Nk, 21. k, Mory, Tote £9.70; £3.30, £3.90, £8.80. DF: £119,70. True: £152.40 CSF: £39.80.

5.50 (2m holle) 1. Shans Delight (M Brennan, 3-1 ||-tev|; 2, Stan Wyn (7-2), 3, Troy's Dream (5-1) Fools Of Pride 3-1 | Tay, 10 ran 16; % (O Brennan, Tobr £4 00; £1.70; £1.70; £2.30; DF: £3 30; Trio: £12.90 CSF £13.99 Boughl in 6,000gns.

KEIRAN FALLON moved on to the 23-winner mark for the

Hamilton handicap last time. obliged in the Kilton Claiming Stakes and landed a gamble. James Hetherton's gelding, backed from 12-1 to half those odds, struck the front over a furlong out as the favourite. No Monkey Nuts. faded and then held on well.





14-1 10-1 14-1 16-

20-1 25-1 33-1 33-

25-1 : 33-1 | 20-1 : 20-1

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give further assistance if required. FOR A PACK OR FURTHER DETAILS CALL 0181-942 9506

Full results throughout in THE TIMES

Redcar Going, good to firm

Goling, good to firm
2.15 (5f) 1. HULA PRINCE (M Hills 4-1 glay) 2. The Lambton Worm (K Fallon, 61), 3. Dave Master (B Doyle, 9-1). ALSO
RAN: 4-1 g-tax Lucky Oakwood (4th), Mills
End Boy, 9-2. Nitry Norman, 10 Rivs La
Belle, 20. Docklands Camage (6th), 25
Cale-Holme, Fine Times (5th) 33 Father
Eddie, Person Fund; 50 Super Shenti,
Thewrightone 14 ran, 1-9, 1-9, hd, hd,
hd. M. Johnston at Middleham. Tote:
15,70; 2:00, 12 60, 12 90. DF 246-10,
Tho, (183-60 (part won, pool of 5129-34
camied (prward to 4-10 at York today)
CSF- 529-77.
2.45 (6th 1, PANTHER (K Fallon, 6-1), 2

CSF-529 77.

2.45 (8) 1, PANTHER (K Fallon, 6-1), 2 Kombucky (T Williams, 25-1), 3, No Monkey Nuts (J Carroll, 11-8 tay) ALSO RAN, 11-2 Naughty Pistol, 6 Sea-Deer Julin, 7 Gone To Heaven, 8 Sence Of Prority, 25 Prime Property, 50 Napoleon s Return Rankaidade, Redbrook Lady, Sieel Sovereign Thorntour Jewel (5th), 100 Monkey Face (6th), 14 ran -11, 31, 11, 11, 3, 3 Hethrerton at Matton, Tole 50,00, 62 10, 62 90, 61,10, DF 658 70 Trio 533,20, CSF-6132 56

233.20. CSF-£132'56
3 15 (1m) 1. SPANISH STEPS (Jo Hunnam, B-1): 2 Pc's Cruiser (Amee Cook, 11-2): 3. Four Of Spades (Amanda Sanders, 13-2): ALSO RAN 5-2 lev Parliament Prece (4th), 6 Bentico, Canton Express (5th), Thaleros (6th), 10 Sell Expression, 16 Dance Of Joy, Roar On Tour, 20 Langtonian, 33 Barda, 50 Ruby Plus 13 ran 131, 191, nk, 291, 131 M W Easterby at Sheriff Hunton Tote £13 50. £2 10, £160 DF £54 30 Tho £125 80 CSF £53.22 Thicast £292 02 346 (1m, 2011). 3.45 (1m 2l) 1. HAWKSLEY HILL (k.

Fallon, 3-1 tay); 2, Ordamed (J Farming, 33-1); 3, Alpine Parther (K Darley, 100-30); 4, Blenhelm Terrace (A Culhane, 66-1); ALSO RAM: 9-2 Forest Fanlasy (6th); 9 Satecracker, 12 Crystal Warrior, 14 Lucky Bea (5th); Shermood, 16 Phantom Haze, Recall To Mind, The Jolly Barmatin, 14 Lucky Barta; 25 Celerks, 50 Despo Conqueror 66 Ginger Hodgers, Northern Falcon, 17 ran.; 25-1, 3-1, 1-1, 5-1 Ms; J Ramsden, at Thisk, Tote, 25,00; C1:30, 29-40, 21:10, 28:10, DF, 223:030, Trio: 5324/50 CSF, 23:83, 37 Triosast 2332-47.
4.15 (Imp.20.1), CI ASSIC FIND IA Mackey.

Fish 90 CSF: 231.09
4.45 (2m 4yd) 1, ARIAN SPIRIT (R Lappin, 5-1), 2, Satin Lover (K Darley, 4-1), 3, Mondragon (A Cuthane, 9-1), 4.10 RAN 2-1 Iav Upper Mount Char (5th), 4 Suivez (6th), 8 Jaicanto (4th), 6 nn. 1 Mil., 134, 1 hd. 34, 211. Eyre at Thirisk, Tote: 65-20, 92.20, 94-50, DF: £13-30, CSF: £22.78
5.15 (7t) 1, ZELDA ZONK (B Doyle, 7-2, Iak); 2, Engrywings (K F380n, 9-1), 3, Best Of All (T lives, 12-1), ALSO RAN 4 Lovely Prospect, Maxid O'Carmie (6th), 7 Charming Bride (5th), 10 Hats Of To Hilda, 14 Prudent Pet Hith), 16 Respect A Secret, 33 Ruplane 50 Village Opera, 11 ran Mil, 3, 11-4, 31 nh. 8 Meyeran at Lamboum Tote: \$4.00, £1.40, £1.80, £2.40, £7.10, £1.80, £2.40, £7.10, £1.80, £2.40, £7.10, £7. £34 90 CSF: £31.09

E445-20.
3.00 (7h) 1, AWESOME VENTURE (D R McCabe, 7-11; 2. Desert Invader (J Forune, 13-2); 3. Dencing Stoux (F Lynch, 15-8 (ev) ALSO RAM; 5-Petacegate Touch (4th), 11-2 Efoon Ledger (6th), 8 Sea Devil, 17-2 Mustri't Grumble (6th), 25 Marmoon, 50 Justinamus, 66 Undawaterscubadiva, 10 ran, ki, 1 ki, 1 ki, 11, 11 M Chapman at Market Rasen, Tore 10 30: £2.30 £2.20, £1.20, £5 £47.90, Trio £34.30 CSF £49.81

3.30 (2m) 1, TOP PRIZE (G Bardwell, 8-1);
2. Taghena (G Carter, 7-1), 3, Bella Sedona (A Clark, 7-2 km), ALSO RAN; 9-2 Swordlung (5th), 5 Selmeston, 7 Captain Marmalade, 8 Brave Spy, Cross Talk (6th), 16 Record Lover (4th), 20 Jones Ing, 33 Dispol Dancer, Lady Risk Mo 12 ran; 14, 10, hd, 19, M Brittein, at Newmarhet Tota £10 70, £3.00, £2.00, £1.40 DF 551 50 Trio £333 50 (part won: pool of £33 95 carried forward to 4 10 at York today). CSF £64 55 Tricast £219 90 4 00 (fm) 1 DISTINCT BEAUTY (France)

£867.90

£17.53 Bought in 3.200 gns.

Quadpot: £17.30.

Going: good to firm

RADIO CHOICE

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Baggio and Matthäus omitted

Hernia operation rules Collymore out of Euro 96

By Peter Ball and Peter Robinson

THE poor form of his Liverpool contingent in the FA Cup Final on Saturday can have given Terry Venables, the England coach, little encouragement, but there was worse news from Anfield yesterday. Rob Jones will discover this morning whether he can take part in the Eurpean championship finals and Stan Collymore is definitely out of contention for a place in the England squad.

Jones has been carrying a back problem for weeks and sees a specialist this morning after having a scan. Collymore goes into hospital today for a hernia operation and will be out for six or seven weeks.

"He is going in for one hernia operation, but it may become two when he is in there," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said yesterday. He was desperate to be involved with England, but he has been troubled by the injury for some weeks and we decided to get it done so that he will be fit for next season."

Collymore's is the not the only name to be crossed off the list of those hoping to make Euro 96. Roberto Baggio and Lothar Matthaus had been warned to fear the worst: yesterday those fears were realised when the Italy and Germany squads for tournament were announced. Both were ignored and left to ponder the barely-between-thelines messages that their international careers may be

Baggio was not the only famous name missing from Arrigo Sacchi's Italy 22. Gianluca Vialli, the Juventus



Baggio: overlooked

Sammer (Bouses Dortmand), H. Scrinsofer (Hensa Rostock), M. Bester (Werder Bremen), D. Ells (Werder Bremen), D. Ells (Werder Bremen), B. Freund (Bouses Dortmund), T. Hässeler (Karlsruhe SC), A. Möller (Bouses Dortmund), M. Scholl (Beyern Munich), T. Strunz (Bayern Munich), C. Ziegs (Bayern Munich), O. Bierholf (Udinese), F. Bobic (W. S. Stügzer), J. Klinsmann (Bayern Munich), S. Kuntz (Besiden), S. Kuntz (Besiden)

SPAIN (European chempionship): A Zubizzareta (Velencia), S Ceritzares (Real Madrid), J Molina (Atléno Madrid); Abeterdo (Barcedora), Madrid); Abeterdo (Barcedora), A Fenrer (Barcelona), Segi (Barcelona), A Fenrer (Barcelona), A Belaue (Real Zangoza), G Amor (Barcelona), Donesto (Deportivo La Conura), A Belaue (Real Zangoza), F Hierro (Real Madrid), L Envirue (Real Madrid), J L Caminero (Atlético Madrid), J Courrero (Atlétic Bibao), J Salina (Scoting Giori), Rico (Atlético Madrid), Alfonso (Real Madrid), J Pozz (Tenonte), J America (Real Madrid)

(Real Medrici)
WALES (v Sen Marino, World Cup group seven cushiller, June 2): N Southall (Gestorn), D Coyne (Trammer Rovers), A Marriott (Wresham), M Bowen (Novaich Cuy), C Coleman (Blackburn Rovers), S Jarakins (Hudderslied Town), A Melville (Sunderlænd), K Symons (Marchester City), M Browenting (Bidstol Rovers), J Goss (Novaich City), B Home (Everton), M Hughes (Creises), A Logg (Barmingham City), M Pernatudge (Shefield Wednesday), J Robinson (Creiston Athelo), R Swege (Crewa Alexandra), R Glogs (Mandrester Crewa Alexandra), R Glogs (Mandrester

captain, announced last year that he would not play for Italy again while Sacchi remains coach, and thus he will have to wait until next season to play in England, if rumours about his impending transfer to the FA Carling Premiership are correct. There is no place, either, for Giuseppe Signori, the Lazio striker, who jointly led the list of goalscorers in Serie A this season. Baggio, however, was the

most conspicuous by his ab-sence, despite his brilliance in the World Cup two years ago and his contribution to AC Milan's recently-won league championship. A lot of players whom I admire and respect are not on this list," Sacchi said yesterday. "I made a decision in the light of the championship, availability and other factors." Matthäus has paid for his

age - 35 - his struggles to overcome Achilles tendon problems and recent disputes with several other players. Berti Vogts, the Germany coach, has based his squad on the country's leading clubs, Borussia Dortmund and Bayern Munich. Thirteen of the 22 chosen come from the Borussia and Bayern - perhaps 14, for Mario Basler is set to move to Munich from Werder Bremen.

Spain announced their squad yesterday and there is no place for either Raul or Hugo de la Peña, the teenagers who have shone this season for their clubs, Real Madrid and Barcelona. Javier Clemente, the coach, has opted for experience.

☐ Bobby Gould has included Mark Hughes, the Chelsea striker, in his Wales squad for their opening World Cup qualifying tie, in San Marino on June 2. Contrary to many predictions, Gould, the Wales manager, has overlooked the claims of Vinnie Jones.



Francis goes back to the future

By DENNIS SHAW

the board, plus half of the

cash raised by season ticket

Francis talked of his "spe-

cial relationship" with Bir-

the age of 16, he scored four

ments that can never be

rekindled," he said, "but, if I

could bring success back to

O2sec; 4, Y Fujimoto (Jep. Toyota Celica at 19:44; 5, R Pribadi (Indo, Toyota Celica at 35:17; 8, M Lleu (HK, Subaru Impreza) at 37:22

HOLYPORT: BNB Resources British pro-

fessional championship: Final: W Davies (Aus) h: P Tabley (Aus) 6-2, 6-2, 6-1. Young professionals championship: Final: M

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Castleford 50 Workington 16; St Helens 24 London 22. Second division: Bramley 22 Swinton 60; South Wales 58 Chorley 0

SNOOKER

IRTHLINGBOROUGH: European League: Final: K Doherly (Ire) bt S Daviz (Eng.) 10-5

RUGBY UNION

TREVOR FRANCIS yesterday returned to the football club where he was once revered by supporters as a 16year-old player, with a man-ager's brief to launch a new

Francis was officially con-

firmed by Birmingham City

as the successor to Barry Fry. sales and savings made in pruning the large playing staff accumulated by Fry. who was dismissed last week. He has a three-year contract – sufficient in duration, the club's owners feel, to secure mingham supporters, which was ignited in 1971, when, at elevation to the FA Carling Premiership from the Endsleigh Insurance League first goals against Bolton Wand-erers. "We had magical modivision. They do not, however, have unlimited funds to

put at his disposal.

David Gold, who co-owns the club in partnership with

1: Blackley best Chavaller 3 and 2: Edwards best Revetto 2 and 1. England 3 France 5. Match result: England 9 France 15

265: P Mickelson 67, 65, 67, 66, 267. C Parry (Jus) 70, 57, 68, 65, 258. D Dural 71, 184, 68, 65, 298: N Price (Zim) 67, 66, 69, 67; J Suman 69, 68, 65, 67, 270: G Morgan 72, 64, 69, 65; M Brooks 64, 70, 70, 65; M Webe 68, 69, 63, 70; C Pavin 67, 65, 67, 70, 271; K Tripett 71, 68, 68, 64; G Kralt 70, 69, 67, 68; B Chamblee 73, 62, 70, 65, J Maggert 67, 71, 66, 67, H Sutton 69, 69, 66, 67; A Doyle 69, 69, 66, 68; S Ellongton (Jus) 67, 69, 66, 69; B Ogle (Jus) 70, 68, 64, 69 Other soores: 272: E Es (SA), 279: D Feherly (GB), Google: Nationwide sentions champloniship: Leading linel scores.

(US Limess State(3) (20c.) C000991 / 10. 14 69. 2009: Notil (Japan) 71, 58, 70 2 10. 14 Invite 69, 73, 68 Other socress: 211: R Charles (NZ) 55, 71, 75 214: B Barnes; GB) 74, 71, 69 215: G Morsh (Aus; 68, 71, 78 217: S Hobolay (SA) 70, 71, 76, 7 Wessloop 72, 69, 76, 219: C Peste 73, 75, 71, 220: L Trevno 72, 70, 78, 224: A Jackin 75, 74, 75.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-oils: Semi-finels: Eastern Con-ference: Florida 2 Philadelphia 1 (Florida lead best-of-seven series 3-2) Western Conference: St Louis 3 Detroit 2 (St Louis lead 3-2)

MOTORCYCLING

SNETTERTON: Motor Cycle News British superbile championship: Fourth round: First race (18 laps. 31.23 miles) 1, J Whitisam (Cadbuy Boost Yampha): 8hun 50 43sec (99 44mph); 2, C Walker (Old Spos Ducati) 18:56 9; 3, N Mackenbe (Cadbury Boost Yamaha) 18:5654, 4, T Repres (744 Spos Ducati) 18:57.3, 5 M

Rymer (Old Spec Ducah) 1857-03 5, M Ruttor (McCultort Ducah) 1909-1, 6, J Moode (Duckhams Ducah) 1909-1, 6, J Moode (Duckhams Ducah) 1912-04 Finst-est laps: Whetham 109-73 (10077/mph) Second race (18 laps: 3513 miles) 1, Whittiam 21 10 74 (99: 54mph), 2 Macken-ce 21 14 58 3, Rutter 21 15 37, 4, Rymer

this club, it would be very his brother, Richard, and David Sullivan, said that a important to me. I'm in a hurry to get into the Premiermaximum of £3.5 million would be available to Francis ship and I wouldn't have for new players. This would be made up of £1 million of come here if the board did not feel the same way." new money put forward by Sunderland, newly-promot-

ed to the Premiership, said yesterday that they were still hopeful of persuading Ian Rush, the veteran Liverpool forward, to join them in preference to Leeds United.

Ian Holloway, the Queens Park Rangers midfield player, yesterday returned to Bristol Rovers as player-manager. He succeeds John Ward, who left the club last week. Holloway played 283 league games in two spells with

Bourgoin 18 Semi-finets (May 19): Tou louse v Dax; Brive v Pau.

PINEHURST: North Carolina: US clay-court championship: Firsat: F Meligen (Br) th M Wilander (Swe) 6-4, 6-2 LEE-ON-SOLENT: LTA satellite tour-nament: Menr: Firsat: A Dupus (Fr) to F Dondo (Unt) 7-6, 6-4 ROME: Menr's tournament: First round: G Ivensevic (Cro) bi G Rusedski (GB) 7-6, 6-3; T Martin (US) bit K Kucera (Slovakia) 6-1, 6-3; C Moya (Sp) bi J Arese (Sp) 6-2, 4-8, 6-4; A Costa (Sp) bi K Carisen (Den) 6-1, 8-7, 6-4; M Washington (US) bit G Pozzi (In) 6-4, 6-3; S Ediberg (Swe) bi J Sternami-(Hol) 6-3, 6-4

(Aus) bt D Randmantely (Madagascar) 63 6-3; B Ritiner (Ger) bt B Fulco-Vittella (Arg 6-4, 6-2; J Wiesner (Austria) bt K Booger

ABC of the worried GP There is a commendable absence of popular appeal about File on 4, which returns tonight. It assumes that we do not approach its chosen topics with empty minds, but, if this is precisely how ill-informed we are, File on 4 does not give up on us. it knocks our heads together and gets down to the job of educating us. Tonight it focuses on GP fund-holding in south Derbyshire, where something in the NHS is noting in south Deroyshire, where something in the 19715 is seriously amiss. Because of excessive paperwork and administrative pressures, some local surgeries are getting out of fundholding. Other cash-strapped GPs are cutting back on patient care services. This File on 4 inquiry is well timed, going out on the eve of publication of an Audit Commission report on fundholding. The Robinsons at the BBC. Radio 2, 9.00pm.

Stephen Pattinson's script, affably delivered by Ian Wallace, dovetails the working lives of two brothers who, in their different ways, did much to make popular music even more popular. Eric Robinson was the better known because television was his medium. His Music for You attracted viewers in their millions. Some of his celebrated "guests" disliked his over-familiar approach. I confess that I did not warm to him. Stanford did not try to charm anybody. His best work, outside radio, was in concert halls and opera houses. He pointed the way to new musical experiences. In contrast, Eric followed the public through familiar territory.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo, 4,00am Charlie Jordan 6.30 FM Stereo, 4,00am Charle Jordan 5,30 Chris Evans 9,00 Skmon Mayo 12,00 Lisa l'Anson, incl at 12,30-12,45pm Newsbeat 2,00 Nicky Campbel 4,00 Mark Goodler, incl at 5,30-5,45 Newsbeat 7,00 Evening Session, with Manuc Street Preachers in conversation 9,00 Cling Film 10,00 Mark Raddiffe 2,00 Migrature 10,00 Mark Raddiffe 12.00 Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2 FM Stereo. 6.00am Martin Keiner 7.30 Hit Stereo, 6,09am Marin Nemer 7,30 Wake Up to Wogan 9,30 Ken Bruce 11,30 Jimmy Young 1,30pm Debble Thrower 3,00 Ed Stewart 5,05 John Dunn 7,00 Heyes over Britain 8,30 Tickling the hones (6/6) 9,00 The Robmsons at the BBC. See Choice 10,00 ironic Maidens (1/6) (r) 10,30 The Jamesons 12,05am Steve Madden 3,00 Alan Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE 5,00am Morring Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl 6.55, 7.55 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.05pm Ruscoe 12:00 Miccay with Mair 2:09pm Huscor's On Five, not 3.15 Pame Minister's Question Time 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide, incl 5.45 Enterfairment News 7.00 News Extra 7.35 Inside Edge, with Rob Bonnet, incl at 7.50 The Business of Sport and at 8.35 Sport for and by people with disabilities 9.05 Any Sporting Objections his Imm Hampdan. Sporting Questions, live from Hampden Park in Glasgow, with Pat Murphy 10.05 News Talk, with Nigel Cassidy 11.00 Night Eding, Incl. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30em Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chis-hokm 1.00pm Arma Raebum 3.00 Tornmy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Sport 10.00 James Whale 1.00em Ian

All times in BST. 5,00am News-sk 5,30 Europe Today 6,00 Newsday 6,30 Europe Today 7,00 World News 7,15 World Today 7,30 Anything Goes 8,00 World News 8,15 Off the Shelf 8,30 New Ideas 8,50 Songs for Children 9,00 News in German 9,15 Thirty-Minute News in German 9.15 Ininy-Manute Prama 9.45 Good Books 10.00 World News 10.05 Business 10.15 Hoax 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Meridian 1.00 News in German 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Jazz Score 2.00 Newshour 3.00 World News Serifian I.-15 Chain Ioday 1.30 World News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack 4.00 World News 4.05 Sport 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.46 Britain Today 6.25 Voicebox 6.30 News in German 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Jazz Score 8.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Jazz Score 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News Summany 9.01 Outlook 9.25 Words of Fatth 9.30 Magamar 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.00 News 12.10em Volcebox 12.16 Lets Go 12.30 Megamix 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Folk Routes 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Outlook 2.55 Words of Fatth 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Meridian 4.00 News 4.15

WORLD SERVICE

Sport 4.30 Europe Today CLASSIC FM

Newsday 3.30 Meridian 4.00 News 4.15

4,00am Mark Griffiths 5.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2,00pm Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Newsright 6.30 Sonala 7.00 The Opera Guide 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1 0tem Mel Concert 1.00am Mel Cooper VIRGIN RADIO

6.00mm Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinnar 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.09 Mark Forrest 2.00mm Robin Banks

RADIO 3 6.00am On Air. Includes, Grieg (Symphonic Dances, op 64); Weber (Clarinet Concerto No 3.00 The BBC Orchestras. The

2 in E flat); Giuseppe Cambini (String Quartet Op 40 no 3); Bernstein (Three Dance Episodes) 9.00 Morning Collection, with Paul Gambaccini. Wagner (Ride of the Valkyries, Die

(Legends, Op 5); libert (Escales); Haydn (Symphony No 85 in B flat, La Reine) Musical Encounters. Kachaturian (Greeting Overture) 10.05 Artists of the 10.00 Musi Week: London Baroque Op 1 No 5) 10.15 Mozari rtmento in B flat, K240): Stradella (Sorde dive, ch'a mortali, San Grovanni Battista); Dvořák (The

Noonday Witch); Stradella (Queste lac. ime e sospri, San Geovannı Battista); S (String Quartet No 2 in D minor) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Clara Schumann. Includes,

Variations on a Theme of Robert Schumarn and Scherzos in Diminor. Op 10; in C mnor. Op 14 1.00pm BBC Festival of Brass 1996. The Britanna Building Sociaty Rood London

Society Band under Howard comel. Balay, air Wright (Overture. Diadem of Gold Snell (Fanlasy for comet). Rubbra, arr Anon (The Shining River): Gary Carpenter (Chi), Wagner, arr Snell (Entry into Valhalia Das

Rheingoldi 2.00 Schools Playtime 2.15 Time lo Move 2.35 Listeni

BBC National Orchestra of Wates under Yan Pascal Tortelier. With Cécile Ousset, piano, Rebecca Evans, soprano, Neal Davies, bass, BBC National Chorus of Wales, Ravel (Alborada del gracioso); Saint-Saéns (Plano Concerto No 2 in G minor), 16th-century dancing lesson.

1); Fauré (Requiem) 4.35 Take Your Partners . . . A accompanied by the Broadside Band 5.00 The Music Machine 5.15 in Tune. Includes, British

(Calypso, Cabaret Songs); Fats Waller (Hold Tight); Schubert arr Sitkovi (Rondo in A. D438)
7.30 Pebble Mill, live from Studio
One in Ermingham, Rex Lawson demonstrates the player-piano, which

payer-planto, writch automatically plays music recorded for it on perforated paper rolls. Includes pieces by Stravinsky, Nancarrow and Stanhope 8.15 Put Another Nickel In A look at musical slot-machines 8,35 Concert Part 2 9.30 Picasso's Women —

Fernande (2/4) 9.55 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Richard Hickox Beethoven (Symphony No 6 in F. Pastoral) (f)

10.45 Night Waves 11.30 Composer of the Weelc Nielsen (r) 12.30am Jazz Notes 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod, includes 3.25 Early Music 5.00 Sequence

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) only) 6.00 News Briefing incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today and 7.25 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross

10.00 News; Hitchcock and the Beast (FM only), Andy Hitchcock explores the mystery of the Beast of

Bodmin 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 This Sceptir'd isle (LW only) 10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 All in the Mind, Proleotor

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm Guoto... Unquote.
Joung Nigel Rece are Jo
Cole, Philip Franks Rey
Hattersley, MP, and Peter

Jones The reader is Pathola Hughes 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with New Clarke 1.40 The Archers 1,55 Shipping 2.00 News; Thirty Minute

Theatre: Flirting with Vincent, by Julia Stanetian With Arm Milchell, Hilda Era ^arendergast 2.30 Comp 3.00 The After

Nows 4.05 Kaleidos Paul Vaughan reads sees Simon Gray's play

David Timson and Collisen

Simply Disconnected and falks to the new British tenor

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Some Tame Gazelle. Part tour of Eizabeth Proud & six-pert dramatisation of Barbara

4.45 Short Story: The Weeping Child By Jane Gardam. Read

by Maron Reed

Pym's novel (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4. See Choice
8.00 Science Now, with Professor
Lewis Wolperi, a developmental biologist from University College, London (f) 8.30 The Network, Akin Lewis looks at the future of mass media, Cara adventisers line

with the concept of narrowcasting, specialist broadcasting for special unterest groups?

9.00 in Touch Poter White with news, views and information

lor vicually impaired people 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with

Isabel Hiton 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Next of Kin, by Joanna Trollope (210) 11.00 Mediumwaye (r)

11.30 Word of Mouth (FM chiy).
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12.00 News inc. 12.27em approx 12.30 The Late Book: The Stone Diaries, by Carol Shelds Abridged by Alison Joseph and read by Shelley Thompson (2/10) (r) 12.48

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92 4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5. LIVE. MW 693. 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197. 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089, Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Deer, Ian Hughes, Reserving Smith, Susan Thomson and Jane Gregory

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CYCLING

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA); Play-offs: Semi-finals: Eastern Conference: Chicago 94 New York 91 (Chicago lead best-of-seven series 3-1); Orizando 100 Atlanta 96 (Oriendo lead 3-0). Western Conference: Seatille 114 Houston 107 (Seatille with 4-0); Utah 101 San Artonio 86 (Utah lead 3-1). CRICKET

OFFICIAL CORRECTIONS: AXA Equity & Law League: Yorkshire v Derbyshire: Derbyshire Innings: D M Jones c Byas b Stemp 23, Lancashire v Leicestershire:

Cotal 251 for 6.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Ampleforth Coll 152 Sedbergh 98. Dower Coll 176-8 dec (A K Bradley 100 not out) "Sutton Valence 173-5; Judd 229-5 "John Pisher 215-5; "King's. Taurton 184-9 King's, Bruton 185-4; Mount Si Mary's 130 "Datham 134-4; Wydfife Coll 184 "Queen Bizabeth"; Hosp 117; Radiey 148 "Eton 135-4; Rugby 213 "Bedford 218-5 (S. Lincoln 1001; St Edmund's Coll 207-4 dec (J. Hällard 102 not out) "Bishop's Scontord HS 211-6; "Sarathalien 152 Loratio 153-8; "Taurton 202-2 dec Downside 188; The Leys 223-4 "Stamford 139; "Trent 214-3 dec (G. Hancock 106 not out) Warwick 100-7; "William Hulme 155 King Edward's, Lydram 158-5; Queen Mary's, Walsall 141 "Whelch 142-3; "Coydon under-15 206 for 5 (A Goward, 118) Surrey under-15 87.
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TOUR DUPONT: Final stage (Manetta to Kennesaw, Georgia. 16.4 (storretres): 1, I. Armstrong (US, Motorola) 17mm 58,945sec; 2. D Nerdello (ft. Mage-GB) at 28:ec: 3, T Hominger (Switz, Mapel-GB) at 29: 4, A Baffi (ft. Mapel-GB) at 30; 5, S Hogg (US, Chewole) at 44.6.7 fr Hamilton (US, US Postal Service) at 1mn 08sec. Final overall

FIRST DIVISION

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VICTORIA	22 Brandon v Barwick
SECOND DIVISION	23 Croxton v Endeavour
1 Altona C v Oakleigh 1	24 Dandenong v Lyndal
2 Bell Park v E Altona 2	25 E N'wad g v Hampto
3 Knox v Nunewading 1	26 Hoopers v Brunswich
4 Moor look v E Richmid X	27 N Glorroy v Meadow
5 Regent v Frankston P 1	WEST AUSTRALIA
6 S Danden'g v Waverley 1	FIRST DIVISION
7 W Valo v E Brunswick 1	28 Ashfield v Cockburn
	29 Frem'tle v Bassend'r
POURTH DIVISION	30 Morley v Dianeta
8 Gectong v S Heights X	31 N Lake v Rockinghar
9 Langweitin v Cono 1	32 Perth v Balcatta
10 Montoulk v Later 1	33 Sitherde v Jogndalup
11 Morel'd v Sandrigham 1	SECOND DIVISION
12 N Coburg v Willmatin 1	34 Balga v West Yugal
13 Ston'gton v Yarraville X	35 Queons Pk v Melville
FIFTH DIVISION	36 University v Annedak
14 Ballarat v S Wantima 2	37 Wannergo v S Varda
15 Doveton v Mommoton 2	SOUTH AUSTRALIA
16 Geelong R v Melton X	PREMIER LEAGUE
17 Keysboro v Glenroy 1	38 Camp It'rs v Croydon
18 Knox Pk v Heidelberg 1	39 Olympins v Adelide i
19 N Sunshme v Mitcham 1	40 Port Lion v Woodville
20 C Sentebu Estrado C1	A1 Calebra v R Espire

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
PREMER LEAGUE
38 Campitin v Creydon
39 Olympins v Adel de R
40 Port Lion v Woodville
41 Saksbury v B Engles

FIRST DIVISION
42 Adelaide C v Modibury X
43 Elizabeth v Plympton 1
44 Modifungs v Cumb'i'd X
45 Para Hills v W Adei'de 1
48 Port Prine v Enfeld X
47 WT Blytella v Seebad 1 OUEENSLAND THERD DIVISION 48 Dama v Goodna FOURTH DIVISION Tasmania south Prévier Léague

54 Howrah v Phochix 55 Rapid v Kingborough NEW SOUTH WALES THERD DIVISION 56 Glebe v Hakoah 57 Wanderers v Milbark 58 White City v Earlwood Momangton, South Yarra, Endianvour, Lyndalo, Meadow Park, Armadale Park, HOMES: Knox Cdy, South Dondenorg, West Vale, Langwamn, Moreland, North Sunshmo, Brandon Park, Hoppers, Morley, Para Häls, Newstorket, Sandord

DRAWS (home teams) Mooroobark, Gee-long, Storangion, Goelong Rangers, E Nu-rawading, Safsbury, Adeland C4y, Moo-tunga, Port Pinc, Rapid, Glebe, Wanderers BEST DRAWS: Stonmington, Salisbury, Noarlunga, Port Pino, Glebe,

☐ Vince Wright WORD-WATCHING

ABSCISS

(b) To cut off, to abscind, to abscise. Botanical jargon. Back-formation from abscission. "The twigs may be abscissed after many years of growth." ARGAND

(b) A diagram used for the graphical representation of a complex number. The eponym of the surname of Jean Robert Argand, a French mathematician (1768-1822). "The Argand diagram is two perpendicular axes on one of which real numbers are represented and on the other pure imaginaries, thus providing a frame of reference for graphing complex numbers." DYAK

(c) A member of one of the aboriginal peoples inhabiting parts of Borneo and Sarawak, often divided into Land Dyaks and Sea Dyaks, From the Malay dayak, up-country. D. H. Lawrence, Adelphi, 1924: "How apparently untamed the savage may be, Dyak or Hottentot, you may be sure he is grinding on his own

(b) The French name for coffee with brandy or rum. "Burnt

coffee (in France vulgarly called gloria). Make some coffee.

Sweeten it. Pour brandy on the top. Set fire to it ... and drink

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1, ... Rxc3!: 2. Qxc3 N6xe4+; 3, fxe4 Nxe4+ and the White queen goes.

positions: 1, Armetrong 48hr 20min 05sec, 2, P Henve (Fr. Festine) at 3min 15sec; 3, Rominger at 5:38, 4, D Pazas (Sp. Festine) at 7:24; 5, 1C Robin (Fr. Festine) at 7:28; 6, A Hampsten (US, US Postal Service) at **FOOTBALL**

Sunday's late results

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Sociedad 8
Albacate 1: Recing Santander 1 Tenerite 2:
Sporting Gijon 2 Compostela 1; Deportivo
Couria 0 Oviedo 4; Savila 1 Valencia 2;
Celta Vigo 2 Real Betts 0; Velladolid 0 Real
Madrid 3; Merida 0 Rayo Vallecano 1;
Zarapoza 1 Athletic Bibbao 0; Atlético
Medind 2 Selemanca 1 Postponed: Español v Bercelona Leading positions: 1,
Albatoc Madrid played 40, 83pts; 2,
Valencia 40, 79, 3, Barcelona 39, 75
PORTINGIESSE LEAGUEC Chaves 1, Gid

Valencia 40, 79, 3, Barcelona 39, 75.

PORTUGUESS: LEAGUE: Chaves 1 Gil
Vicente 0; Leca 1 Sporting Lisbon 1; FC
Porto 1 Belenenses 0; Boyesta 1 Estrela
Amadora 1; Brage 4 Vitora Guirranaea 0;
Campomacorense 3 Tinsense 1; Farense 4
Salgueros 1; Benfica 5 Mentimo Funchal 1;
Felgueiras 3 Uniao Leina 0; Final positions;
1, FC Porto 84; 2, Benfica 73, 3, Sporting
Lisbon 67.

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In our genes, we all look very much alike

REVIEW

Omnibus film by Beeban Kidron

for BBC1. Kidron is a skilled film-

maker but I wish this exercise had

taken more tips from Arnold

herself: the simple, stark processes

that make her photography great were illustrated here with gim-

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as a cousin may be counted a misfortune, to have two smacks of carelessness. But the Crust family, undistinguished apart from their relationship to both Margaret Thatcher and John Major, can at least plead that careless lineage is universal.

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Relationships are all in the genes or, as Professor Steve Jones pithily put it in the first of his series on genetics, In The Blood (BBCI):
History is made in bed. Genes move across the world through sex, not through a wandering tribe of heroes."

Jones is a media academic of the modern school. Whereas Bronowski (The Ascent of Man) and Clark (Civilisation) came blinking somewhat stiffly before the camera, Jones, in sports coat and opennecked shirt throughout, arrives as if to the manner born.

I will be accused of haste in outting Jones alongside those pre-

decessors but genetics is surely the moved from one place and simply discovery of the age and neither The Ascent of Man nor Civilisation was quite as lauded at the time as they have become since. In those terms, In The Blood is landmark television.

The first programme, Lost Tribes, took Iones ("I'm one of the world's top six snail geneticists and the other five agree") to Britain, America the Middle East and Africa. The notion was to find the Lost Tribes of Israel and the conclusion is that those tribes are not so much lost as distributed among all of us.

Among those claiming direct descent from the Tribes are the Samaritans of the West Bank and the Lemba of Zimbabwe and South Africa. Both have sufficient of the relevant Y chromosomes to justify their claim, but that is not

quite how genealogy works.
Thus, a "Lost Tribe" is unlikely to be a group of people who have

restarted their generational development somewhere else. The Lemba, for example, probably acquired their genealogical link to the Tribes through the arrival of Semite traders in Africa

So Jones and his pieces of tracing paper containing the arcane symbols that are DNA demonstrate that the further back you go the more evidence there is of the human race as a single family: "Half the population of the UK is related to William the Conqueror and almost everyone to the Emper-

h yes: and 100,000 of us are related to Major and Thatcher. What makes the Crusts special is that they will go on television and admit it. If all of that means that I may be

micky, staccato filming and irritating cross-cuts. related to Eve Arnold then hasten A small, white-haired woman. Arnold has taken pictures all over the day when my genes unlock her skills. Arnold was profiled in an the world of people who are all

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famous for penetrating the veil of showbusiness to bring us honest images of Marlene Dietrich, Joan Crawford and, especially, Marilyn Monroe.

Pre-Arnold, stills to publicise films had been mere cheesecake or frames from the films themselves, Her pictures sent producers into a panic, until they saw the amount of publicity that resulted from photographs of stars putting on their clothes or their make-up.

Arnold knows herself and knows the difference between great photography and most pho-tography: "The difference between a fine photographer and an average one is that you have the wit to take advantage of the accident, whatever's going on."

The football season is now over. relief all round. Over, that, is except for the Endsleigh League play-offs this week, an England match on Saturday and the European championship in England next month. No, the football season is never over.

ust in case the gap of a few hours between games should lead to withdrawal symptoms, Fair Game (Channel 4) returned for a new series and focused on the plight of young footballers. This is a real issue, swept under the carpet by the football authorities, and Greg Dyke's programme crystallised it.

Players aged six and upwards are being targeted by top clubs and, in spite of FA rules, there is evidence that schoolboys signed by small clubs are being poached by big ones. The cameras filmed one putative star, signed to Leyton Orient, taking part in a training session with Chelsea, though Chelsea claimed not to know about the Orient connection

Eight-year-olds now have agents. We saw one in conversation with the ubiquitous Eric Hall. whose dictionary of adjectives consists of the single word "monster". Hall's cigars are certainly monster: they are considerably larger than some of his clients.

The small clubs to which these little chaps are signed are turning into nurseries for the giants in more ways than one. A player cannot be signed on professional forms until he is 17; therefore impoverished clubs can spend years nurturing talent, only to have it snatched away just before a contract is produced.

One is left to wonder about the fathers, some of whom tout their progeny in the same way that some mothers tout girls around baby shows. It is demeaning and worrying. Yet on Saturday Manchester United won the FA Cup with five players who joined the club as boys. Dreams do come true and dreams propel the human

6.00am Business Breakfast (83714) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceetax) (14085)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (4424443) 9.20 Style Counsel (s) (7537004) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (6861646) 10.30 Good Morning (s) (97849) 12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1847714) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (s) (5089646) 12.35 Going for

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Gold (s) (4579066) 1.00 News (Ceelax); and weather (17172) 1.30 Regional News and weather (62759240) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (69287153)

2.00 FILM: Shimmering Light (1978) with Beau Bridges, Lloyd Bridges and Victoria Shaw. American Kevin Pearce goes to Australia to fulfil his passion for surfing; but when his girlfriend becomes pregnant and his father becomes terminal Kevin is forced to come to terms with a life that doesn't revolve around the surf. Directed by Don Chaffey (21153)

3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (2506085) 3.50 Monste Cafe (r) (s) (4831379) 4.05 Casper Classics (r) (s) (6508998) 4.10 Dennis the Menace (Ceefax) (s) (5875646) 4.35 Out of Tune (Ceefax) (s) (2895530) 5.00 Newsround (s) (7254462) 5.10 Activ-8 (Ceefax) (s) (6103269)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceelax) (s) (710578) 6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (207) 6.30 Regional News magazines (559)

7.00 2point4 Children. As the neighbours no longer have any pets, surely it is safe for Bill and Ben to look after their house while they are away? (r) (Ceelax) (s) (3761) 7.30 EastEnders. Pat is unnerved when the

police pay her a visit and Peggy's plans for a celebration fall flat (Ceefax) (s) (443) SC) Great Ormand Street, Caron Curran is recovering after last week's operation on her cleft palate. Unfortunately the doctors discover the operation has gone wrong. Plus: nine-year-old Grant Robinson, who suffers from the rare Crouzon syndrome, which prevents the face from growing properly, is hoping to change his looks (Ceelax) (6511)

8.30 Funny World. Barbara Windsor introportraying class (Ceetax) (s) (5646)

9.00 News (Ceetax) and weather (6356) 9.30 Men Behaving Badly. In the last of this series Gary is in for a shock when he returns from a weekend away to find his girlfriend, Dorothy, in bed with his best mate, Tony (r) (Ceetax) (s) (22917) WALES: 9.30 Week in Week Out

10.00 Cardiac Arrest. The doctors disagree over the correct treatment of patients. Claire teases Scissors about Sister Novac (Ceefax) (s) (75511) WALES: 10.00 Men Behaving Badly

10.30 A Knife to the Heart: Walking the Tightrope (Ceefax) (s) (171897) WALES: 10.30 Cardiac Arrest 11.00 A Knile to the Heart 11.50-1.50am FILM: Catch-22

11.25 FILM: Catch-22 (1970) starring Alan Arkin. Wonderful adaptation of Joseph Heller's anti-war novel, set in 1944 on an American Air Force base on a small Mediterranean island Directed by Mike Nichols. (Ceefax) (983288) 1.20am Weather (1760775)

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6.00 Open University: Science (7119004) 6.25 The Birth of Modern Geometry (7198511) 6.50 Geology (5121004) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceelax and

signing) (4519172) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turties (r) (33578) 8.00 Blue Peter (r) (Ceelax) (s) (7277578) 8.25 Cakie Doke (r) (s) (5238191) 8.40 The Record (s)

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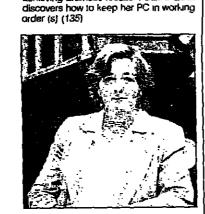
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Steady, Cook (s) (356) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceelax) (s) (4424207) 5.40 The Ladies of the House: Margaret Beckett, MP (232375) 6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (s) (789269)

6.25 Heartbreak High (Ceefax) (s) (912462)

7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show (Ceefax) (s) 7.30 The Technophobe's Guide to the Future. In the last of the series Dominik Diamond travels to Belfast to investigate a computer-based educational system

achieving dramatic results. Pauline Quirk



Pat Barker (8.00pm)

8.00 The Works: On the Ghost Road (Ceefax) (s) (4153) 8.30 Floyd on Africa. (4/7) The cook continues his four of southern Africa with visit to the coastal town of Majunga, Madagascar (Ceefax) (s) (3288)

9,00 Murder One: Chapter Eleven. Hotiman and Grasso continue to question prospective jurors (Ceetax) (s) (594191) 9.45 Consumed by Fire. French geologists Maurice and Katia Krafft travelled the world to witness volcanic eruptions, shooting more than 800 hours of spectacular film footage. But tragedy struck in 1991, when they were engulied by a Japanese volcario (Ceetax) (s)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceelax)(884207) 11.15 Moving Pictures. Film magazine. With Kurt Russell, John Carpenter and Oliver Stone. (Ceelax) (s) (469172)

12.00 The Midnight Hour (s) (63825) 12,30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

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The Works: On the Ghost Road BBC2. S.(Opm

Pat Barker, Booker Prize winner for her novel of the First World War, joins a coach tour of Britons to the battlefields of the Somme. The trip has the specific purpose of finding the last resting place of an uncle, the wider one of thinking about the psychology of war. Although the site of the battle is now gentle green fields, for Barker the Somme ranks with the Holocaust as the central horror of 20th-century civilisation. She ponders on the confrontation of idealistic young bodies and instruments of mass destruction, and the distillusion which set in Siegfried Sassoon, who mixed bravery in war with the courage to speak against it, is a particular Barker hero. But she also remembers the soldiers who were not famous and who failed to survive.

Without Walls: Painted Ladies Channel 4. 9_30pm

"I couldn't design a thing," declares Vivienne Westwood, "if I didn't look at art." In this three-part series she lets us in on some of the connections she has made between paintings and sculptures and the clothes that leature in her collections. Her first film is subtitled mobility, virtue and morality" and carries the message that if clothes cannot express our higher aspirations as human beings. they are not doing their job. To illustrate her theme Westwood starts with ancient Greek drapery, and traces its influence through what she calls the timeless state clothing of Louis XIV and into the 19th century. Some may want to dispute Westwood's assertion that changes in fashion are always aesthetic, as if they had nothing to do with material forces. But she promises to be as provocative before the camera as she is on the catwalk.

Knife to the Heart: Walking the Tightrope BBC1. 10.30pm As transplant surgery moved into the 1970s

its very success started throwing up difficulties. The biggest concern of doctors was that the patient's body would reject the new organ. Transplants could save and prolong life. But what about the quality of that life? The third film of an honest and illuminating series looks at attempts to overcome rejection. The trouble was that the powerful drugs used for the purpose often had intolerable side-effects. In Florida a 15year-old boy begged a court to allow him to die rather than suffer any more pain. A woman who took anti-rejection drugs after a liver transplant became violent, even to her baby. The case of Laura Davies, the little girl was flown to the United States for transplant operations, raises the question of whether doctors, egged on by the media, are prolonging life unnecessarily.

Network First: Inside Burma - Land of

ITV. 10.40pm

John Pilger's relentless exposure of human atrocity takes him to Asia but, as usual, his villains also come from the capitalist West. Burma offers rich material for Pilgerian condemnation. For more than 30 years a repressive military dictatorship has stamped out democracy, tortured and imprisoned its opponents and employed child and slave labour as a matter of routine. That is Pilger's case, and he offers the evidence to back it Much of the filming had to be done secretly. including an interview with Aung San Sun Kyi, the house-arrested leader of Burmese democracy. Her hope and belief is that the will of the people will one day prevail.

Meanwhile Pilger vents his anger more or less equally on a brutal regime and on Western companies which are helping to

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6.00am GMTV (8462266) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (7512795) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (2179356)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (6414733) 10.35 This Moming (50845627) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1843998)

12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (4598191) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (4573882) 1.25 High Road (Teletext) (1899733)

2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (19764559) 2.25 Murder, She Wrote. Starring Angela Lansbury (r) (7037085)

3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (7881530) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7880801)

3.30 The Magic House (r) (s) (4631171) 3.40 Tots TV (r) (s) (1228882) 3.50 Sooty and Co (r) (s) (2502269) 4.15 Animaniacs (Teletext) (s) (5869085) 4.40 Chris Cross (r) (Teletext) (s) (2278646)

5.10 Forgotten Ports. Sir Robin Knox-

Johnston continues his cruise up the Bristol Channel accompanied by 'Spud' Spedding (9756443) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (229801) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s)

6.25 HTV News (260511) 7.00 Emmerdale. The media witness a miracle (Teletext) (s) (2559)

7.30 West Eye Velw. Current affairs (Teletext)

8.00 The Bill: Tough Love. When a bully gets his comeuppance, Hollis and Garfield have to collar the culprit (Teletext) (1207) 8.30 The Cook Report. An exposé of a trade in intants from Third World villages to Britain (s) (8694)

9.00 Frontiers. After a senes of slick and successful tobbenes, a member of the gang gets trigger-happy and shoots an innocent bystander. (Teletext) (s) (9795) 10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (67397) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (436581)



Aung San Suu Kyi (10.40pm)

10.40 Network First Inside Burma, Land of Fear. (Te)etext) (289220)

11.40 Max Monroe: Loose Cannon (827172) 12.40 FILM: Steelyard Blues (1973) starring Donald Sutherland, Jane Fonda and Peter Boyle. Comedy about a motley crew who restore a Second World War bomber with the idea of flying away from it all. But when they run out of money they resort to other means to finish the job. Directed by Alan Myerson (838270)

2.25 Late & Loud (s) (7610283) 3.20 The Chart Show (r) (s) (2104641) 4.10 Murder, She Wrote (r) (2399573) 5.00 the LADS (s) (73399) 5.30 Morning News (51080)

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6.30am Chicken Minute (rj (79424) 7.00 The Big Breakfast. More from the Cannes Film Festival (18545) 9.00 The Golden Girls (r) (Teletext) (s)

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7.55 Get Netted (r) (Teletext) (s) (302714) 8.00 Classic Trucks. A look at the lifesavers of the commercial vehicle world, from the "make do" fire trucks of war-torn Britain,

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(Teletext) (s) (8356) 9.00 Without Walls: Gore Vidal's American Presidency — Twillight. The veteran President-watcher concludes his examcasting a tormidable analytical eye over the period from the Cold War to the Gulf War (Teletext) (9066)



Vivienne Westwood (9.30pm)

9.30 Without Walls: Painted Ladies — Nobility, Virtue, Morality (Teleted) (15627)

10.00 The Boys of St Vincent. (1/2) Awardwinning Canadian drama. A powerful expose of the sexual abuse suffered by children at a church-run orphanage and its aftermath years later when those responsible were brought to trial With Henry Czerny, Brian Dooley and Brian Dodd (r) (Teletext) (712627)

11.45 Big Mouth. Tony Parsons with more opinionated comment (913608)

12.50am World League Football (2401979) 1.25 FILM: Man's Castle (1933, b/w) starring Spencer Tracy as a man who commits a robbery in order to support his pregnant wife, With Loretta Young, Glenda Farrell and Walter Connolly. Directed by Frank Borzage (8816844). Ends at 2.35

4.00 Schools: The English Programme (2306863). Ends at 4.50

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4.00am Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Fuds TV 4.30 Jack Van Impe 5.00 Voice of Victory 5.30 Christian Music TV 5.45 Chronicles of Revival 6.15 Power for Living 6,45 Good Morrung Europe SKY SOAP 7.00sm Guiding Light (8350375) 7.55 As the World Turns (2455608) 8.60 Peyton Place (7695462) 9.20 Days of Our Lives

(1433882) 10.10-11.00 Another World SKY TRAVEL 11.00am Globerrotter (6649240) 11.30 Trailcide (6657289) 12.00 Dive the World (7176375) 12.30pm Bruce and Bob Est America (3322240) 1.00 Geravay

Around the World in 30 Minutes (7997608) 3.55-4.00 Holiday Shop (99039460) THE HISTORY CHANNEL



SATELLITE AND CABLE

Reeves and Bullock in Speed (The Movie Channel, 10.00pm)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

7.00pm FILM The Andromeda Strain (7052153) 9.30 Robotech (3342004) 10.00 Close 1.00em The Stt Million Dollar Man (9184399) 2.00 FILM Hanger 18 (4928405) 3.35-4.00 Sc-n Buzz (31815028)

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CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous carteens from 5am to 7pm, then TMT films as below. 7.00pm Third Finger, Left Hand (1940) (87728443) 9.00 Klasin' Cousins (1964) (32522714) 11.00 Little Caesar (1931) (29573975) 12.25em The Treasure of Monte Criste (1981) (60339950) 2.00 Monte Cristo (1961) (6033956) 2.00 Adventures of Tartu (1943) (93111134) 3.50-5.00 The Man Without a Face (1935) (18241283)

CNN/QVC

CNN provides 24-hour name and CVC is the home shopping channel. PERFORMANCE

7.00pm Alberta Hutter 8.00 Ara 8.30 Napoli 10.15 Opera Stones Otalio 11.15 Guittaria 11.45 Aria 12.00-1.00em Joe Williams By David Hands, rugby correspondent

NEIL BACK, the Leicester flanker, completed a miserable climax to his club's season when he received a sixmonth suspension from the Rugby Football Union (RFU) yesterday for pushing Steve Lander, the referee, at the end of the Pilkington Cup final

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against Bath ten days ago. However, since the punishment dates from the time of the offence, Back, 27 and capped five times by England. will miss only two months of the new season. He can resume playing on November 4 but will miss sundry overseas trips during the summer and Leicester's pre-season tour of South Africa.

For that reason, there will be criticism that the punishment has not been more severe since assault on a match official is the worst crime in rugby's canon, carrying with it the potential for a life ban. On this occasion, however, the RFU panel of Bob Rogers. Peter Trunkfield and Bob Taylor - the latter, like Back,

row forward - has come near the mark with its verdict.

They have taken the circumstances of the match and Back's exemplary record into account, accepted the player's version of events, but balanced that against the damage done to the image of the game as portrayed through the unforgiving eye of the television camera. Hence the phrasing their judgment, after a 412-hour hearing at which Back and his club were represented, which described his conduct as "prejudicial to the interests of the game".

That is unarguable, which makes it the more disappointing that Leicester have not accepted straightaway panel's decision. "The club and Neil were given every opportunity to put their case at the hearing, which was conducted in a fair manner," a statement said. "We were, however, disappointed at the severity of the sentence, but will defer considering an appeal until the written decision

> "Obviously the RFU felt that the game had been brought into disrepute and we support this attempt to uphold the good name of rugby. We don't want to go down the road of the other sports where the officials are abused and jostled

"Rugby players will be re-minded by this ban that they

Back agreed what is under-

stood to be a five-year contract with Leicester only last week

and he is to discuss the

financial implications with

Peter Wheeler, the club chief executive. It is likely that he

will not suffer financially,

though he will regret missing

a charity tour to the Ivory

Coast later this month, in aid

of the Max Brito fund, and the

possibility of a trip with the

that his version of events is

believed by both the club and

the RFU and that he has the

The reaction of the newly-

formed Rugby Union Players

Association (Rupa) was admi-rably succinct. There has

been concern about the atti-

tude of players on the field in the professional era, but, ama-

teur or pro, the referee's word

is law and nobody should put

that fact in jeopardy," Richard

Moon, the Rupa secretary,

"We have had an awful few weeks, narrowly missing out in league and cup," Wheeler said, "but at least Neil knows

Barbarians to Japan.

support of the club."

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are in the shop window and watched by millions of young-

Such is the effect of the globe and replay it time after time. It takes no account of the view at players' eye-level, set against a backdrop of heaving numanity in the crowd, or of the dramatic circumstances of a cup final lost to a controversial penalty-try decision taken

by the referee minutes earlier. As one of the senior clubs courting television money. Leicester will have to live with that image. Sixteen months ago. a junior club player in Devon was banned for life for hitting the referee; Back, who has pleaded that he mistook Lander for Andy Robinson. the Bath flanker, was guilty of no more than a disappointed push, but the ill-disciplined

impression remains. Back was not available for comment, but Lander, from Liverpool, was satisfied with the verdict. "The principle of not laying hands on the referee has been upheld," he said. There has always been a good relationship between players and referees. You can always talk to them afterwards and let's hope that

☐ Francois Pienaar, who was due to lead the Barbarians against Ireland at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, has withdrawn because of injury.



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TUESDAY MAY 14 1996

Follett asserts his growing supremacy over the Durham batsmen by removing Campbell's middle stump

Follett able to scale new heights after conquering Lord's slope caught behind from a ball of

extra bounce.

BY SIMON WILDE

LORD'S (final day of four): Middlesex (20pts) beat Dur-ham (5) by 306 runs

DAVID FOLLETT, a littleknown member of the Middlesex playing staff, returned the best bowling figures in a match at Lord's for 20 years when he destroyed Durham with a return of eight for 22 yesterday. His performance wins, Durham being dismissed for just 67, the lowest total of the season and their lowest in five years as a firstclass county.

Follett, 27, playing in only his third first-class match, came on at the Pavilion End to bowl the thirteenth over of the day at 11.48am, Durham having ostensibly begun the task of attempting to score 374 to win. He dismissed Roseberry leg-before with his first ball

and, within 21 hours - which included the 40-minute lunch interval - the match was completed, Follett claiming all his wickets in the course of 74

His second victim was Campbell, Durham's overseas player, who scored 23 and was the only man to reach doublefigures. The West Indies opener was bowled middle stump playing for swing that did not materialise; but Follett did times — movement sometimes exaggerated, of course, by the natural slope of the Lord's

ground. The slope played its part in the dismissals of Hutton, the left-hander, who was caught superbly by Carr at slip, and Collingwood, deceived into padding up and trapped legbefore, in Follett's fifth over. In his seventh, Foster was bowled by a swinging full toss and, in his eighth, Daley was

Durham tottered into lunch

on 49 for seven, when the strippling Follett, sporting figures of six for 16, led his team into the pavilion for the first. but not the last, time. Refreshed, but perhaps distracted after reflecting on his earlier success, he resumed

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with two lacklustre overs. Scott, often an obdurate customer, then obligingly played a poor shot into the hands of Weekes at first slip and, although Fraser claimed the next wicket, Follett was not to be denied the scalp of Betts, the last man.

Upon that dismissal, Follett stooped and kissed the pitch, as well he might. He took five first-innings wickets in the deleat by Gloucestershire at Lord's earlier this month, but otherwise his greatest claim to fame had been opening the bowling with Dominic Cork for the under-19 team in his native Staffordshire.

Follett came to the attention of several counties after gathering a clutch of wickets for Staffordshire in 1994 and, after he had appeared for three other county's second XIs. Middlesex offered him terms. His 1995 season was, however, ruined by a serious foot injury and, but for injuries to senior players, he would not have got his chance

so soon this year. Given the opportunity, he bowled with great accuracy and made good use of an

would be unfair to describe him as the "finished article".

Even he knows that he could have done better. "I did not bowl as well as I can," he said. "My line was pretty good, but my length could have been more consistent." He seemed completely unfazed by turning in the best figures at cricket's headquarters since Paddy Clift, of Leicestershire, who took eight for 17 against MCC

This defeat will be another sobering experience for Durham, who could hardly blame a pitch that exhibited far less variable bounce than on the first day.

They needed somebody to graft their way through the day, but nobody was forthcoming. Morris might have been, but he was adjudged caught at silly point off Tufnell, the only contentious decision of the day.

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ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN NUREMBERG

COLIN JACKSON is to give up his European 110 metres hurdles title in an attempt to break the oldest British athletics record in the book Jackson, the sprint hurdles world record-holder, said .re yesterday that he plans to mack Lynn Davies's British long jump mark, set in

Who will teach him the tricks of his new trade? "Lynn has said he will coach me," Jackson said. The record, now 28 years an embarrassment to British athletics, but competition to break it will hot up soon. Jonathan Edwards. the triple jump world record-holder, has also said that, at some stage soon, he will attempt to beat Davies's record. A head-to-head on the thirtieth anniversary of the thing that the British Ath-Federation promotions office should start

thinking about. Both athletes are sponsored by Puma, which has provided a financial incentive in each man's contract to break the British record. Edwards has until 1998 to beat Jackson to it. That is European championships year, when he intends to concentrate on the long jump "to the exclusion of the hurdles". Jackson has been European hurdles

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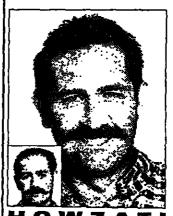
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"It is really going to be down to him [Davies] to me," Jackson said. "He keeps showing me how far it is, but he always tells me I can do it." Both men come from Cardiff.

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Follett, left, is congratulated by Gatting, his captain

Harding's bridges burnt by Bates

THE power struggle at Stamford Bridge between Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, and Matthew Harding, one of the club's leading directors, is seemingly over. With the uneasy truce of the past months ended by a Stock Exchange announcement yesterday, the clear indication was that Bates had gained the upper hand.

The price of success for Bates is, effectively, £10 million. The statement yesterday declared that the agreement between the two protagonists for Harding to invest such a sum in the club, in return for greater influence at Chelsea and the title of vice-chairman, had been scrapped. Harding remains a Chelsea director and E5 million of his existing loan stock in the club was converted yesterday into 14 million ordinary shares. This leaves Harding, a reinsurance businessman, as the third-largest shareholder with a

holding of 12 per cent. The value of the club's shares was not affected by the announcement.

Relations between Bates and Harding have deteriorated during the past year. reaching almost comic proportions when Bates banned Harding from the directors' box last November. Their subsequent pact was, it transpires, built on shaky foundations. The main sticking-point,

of information on who controls Chelsea Village, the club's parent company. Without that information. Harding's advisers told him that further investment in the club would not be advisable.

Bates said yesterday that another wealthy investor keen to help Ruud Gullit, the new Chelsea player-manager, to strengthen his squad had contacted him. Bates said of Harding: "It was put up or shut up time. He played a game of politics that backfired on him." Bates said

Collymore ruled out Francis returns

that Gullit's reported £1.2 million-a-year salary is funded by profits generated by club turnover and not by Harding. Mr Harding created a great mystique," Bates

Harding's wealth is estimated at £64 million. He bought the freehold of Stamford Bridge for £16.5 million from under the nose of Bates after the latter had negotiated a short-term lease for the ground. The club now pays rent of £250,000 a year to Harding. In theory, Harding could wield some power by calling in the E5 million that he lent the club for transfer fees, but Bates said that the club could withstand such action by selling players.

Gullit has yet to sign his new contract as player-manager, but he appeared unconcerned by developments yesterday. He said: "I have my transfer budget and this will not affect it. It is nothing to do with the team or the players, it is to do with the club. All I'm interested in is that this thing is resolved as quickly as possible for the benefit of Chelsea."

Gullit would like to attract other highprofile international players, such as Gianluca Vialli, the Juventus forward, to Chelsea, but their wages would be high and Gullit will need reassurances from Colin Hutchinson, the Chelsea managing director, that funds will be available. One effect of Harding's involvement in

the past year has been to throw the spotlight on Chelsea Village and what impact its development plans will have on the football club, which is one of six operating subsidiaries. Bates controls 30.3 million of the Chelsea Village shares, but the bulk of the remaining 89 million shares are held by overseas investors, the identity of whom Bates has withheld. ☐ Middlesbrough are today expected to

announce the signing of Emerson, the FC Porto midfield player, for about £4 million. He would follow Juninho and Branco as the latest Brazilian to move to the Riverside Stadium.

Have you got it insured?

housands queue at the Antiques Roadshow only to be told that their 'treasures' are junk, says Giles Coren

WHERE once they would have gathered in the faint hope of loaves and fish, an assembly of 5,000 in the late 1990s is after richer pickings. The discovery of undreamt-of wealth is top of the list, along with the chance to appear. however fleetingly, on a BBC television show and to shake hands with Hugh Scully.

These are the disciples of the Antiques Roadshow, come to touch the coat-tails of their masters at the Royal Naval Museum in Portsmouth, where the second episode in the new series is being filmed. The horde plods in deferential semi-silence around an imaginary maze like pre-democracy Russians in a bread queue and with as much chance of hearing good news at the end.

The Roadshow is a broadcasting enigma. While viewing figures in general have been declining in the face of the cable and satellite challenge, the Roadshow has just finished its most successful series ever, reaching more than 14 million viewers.

"I have often described it as a conversation between two people with 13 million eavesdroppers," says Hugh Scully, nursing a large Glenmorangie in a Portsmouth hotel the night before filming. "It is a people show. Their humour and their personality make it work. The antiques are ancillary. It is the quintessential BBC programme, fulfilling the Reithian ideal of education, information and entertainment in equal measures."

A more cynical viewpoint might see the show as the thinking person's The Price Is Right. Show the object, allow time for its value to be guessed and then reveal the truth - to the joy or despair of the contestant. Revelations of huge worth satisfy the lottery factor — fifteen THOUSAND ounds! — and the exposing of fakes or reproductions lets us

revel in Schadenfreude. We all love to hear the little old man, who is told his rocking chair is worth ten grand, say: "I'd never sell it. It was my father's," and cry "Rubbish!" at the screen. And we love to see people's eyes pop out of their heads at the money despite all their attempts at decorum and protes-

tations that "I had no idea". But that does not adequately explain why 5,000 people snaked around the forecourt









Jason Smith, above, arrives at the Roadshow with his grandmother's painting of The Needles - to be told it is "useful for decoration". Others queue for up to five hours

of the Royal Naval Museum at nine o'clock on a Thursday morning in drizzling rain, carrying plastic bags full of chipped crockery and Ikea coffee tables.

The majority are old women, and the items most in evidence are folding chairs, fashioned in aluminium at the turn of the decade, most of them supporting elderly bottoms, and not for sale at any price

The odd sore thumb sticks out. Jason Smith is 26 and wears khaki combat trousers, army boots, crew-cut hair and rings through his ears and nose. "My mum and dad are at work but I'm unemployed, so I've come down with the family treasures. I've got a one-inch pistol, a 70-year-old doll and a painting of boats on The Needles which belonged to my grandmother. She died in October and I always

promised her I'd take it to the Roadshow if it ever came to Portsmouth, I wouldn't sell it because I was close to my nan. But if it was worth as much as, like, a National Lottery rollover, then I'd have to think about it."

Dave Aldred, a pensioner who has been queueing since 7am, is equally adamant that he won't sell his pigeon-timer. and an elderly man who has been there since 5am claims he will ding on to his wooden cup at all costs.

In the hall itself there is orderly bustle. There is no breaking of ranks, for places in the queue are too precious. And the junk on show is extraordinary. For every object that makes it on to a recorded programme there are perhaps a thousand that are passed over. The queues file up to their chosen expert you can tell the experts because they wear either a bow-tie or facial hair - and

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after four or five hours' queueing each person gets about a minute. There is seldom the preamble you see on television just a couple of questions: How long have they had it? Do they like it? Followed by an estimate of date, place of manufacture and value.

The more popular the expert, the briefer the audience. At David Battie's table it goes like this: "NEX!! Right, late 19th century, mass produced I'm afraid, not really worth much, thank you. NEXT! Yes, both of you, one on either side. Factory stuff again, 1920s, very nice though, wouldn't fetch anything at auction."

Eventually, of course, something good comes up. Then the expert dashes off with it to find the producer. The cameras roll in and the full monty is provided. The owner is not told anything in the meanwhile. Onlooking eyes glaze over while the history of the thing is explored and then

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been everywhere!"

light up again when we get to the "How much did you pay for it?" bit. Salivating begins at the Tell me, have you got it insured?" and by the time he is into the sentence that begins: It is all about finding the right buyer, but at auction . . . they are hopping up and down. And then he says: "Three thou ..." and the

crowd has dispersed before the word is finished. performance is over.

For most, however, the cameras do not come. And, like good British subjects, the disappointed punters take it on the chin. Jason Smith is exemplary. Still 45 minutes from the front of the queue, he is sanguine: "I'll only mind if it turns out to be a dud."

Tim Wonnacot, meanwhile, who presides over the miscellaneous table, is shown a pile of old records, a Soots puppet with no fur, a Vitalite and came back without his bloody worthless."

tub full of plastic chess pieces, a game of Bezique, a plastic doll - "ideally, dolls should have a porcelain head," he says politely, "and date before this century" - and heaps of teddy bears.

Jane Bleen, who has brought everything I own hecause I need the money", shows him a 'jim-jam case in the shape of a teddy that went to the cleaners during the war

growl. Her husband has a broken cow creamer (£30) and a toy carpenter's set. A man with a sauce boat, missing its saucer, is advised to take it home and put gravy in it.

Bizarre snippets of know-ledge waft in the air — "A brooch probably torn off a kimono" ... "This is a stan-dard bottle, not strictly collectible" ... "Your old Bible from school? What happened to the cover?". And every now and then: "Jug, 1930s, E5." "Most of the stuff has no

financial value." says jewellery man John Benjamin, "but I can get interested in any-thing. The important thing is to be nice to the bringers, and let them down gently."

The repertoire of euphe-

misms is impressive lectible of the future". One man who hopes he has an early example of a Japanese cine camera is told: "Not an early example as such, but certainly an example."

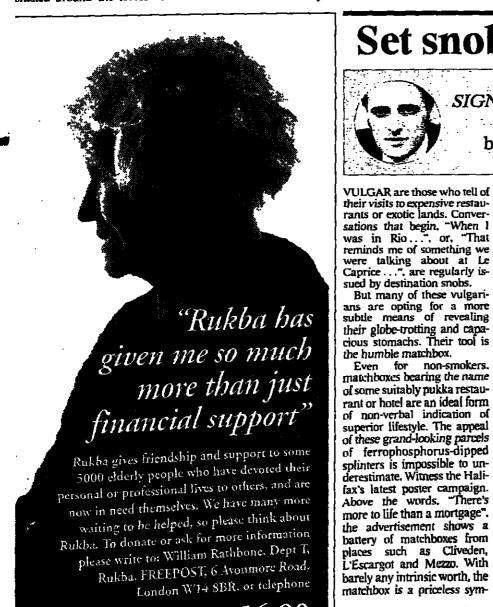
oclastic picture man, is passed a G.F. Waits by a co-expert. unsure of whether it is an original, and drops the euphemism of the afternoon. He holds the picture to the light for a couple of seconds, turns to the owner and says: "Almost unique."

"It is a very personal thing. having your treasures judged in public," says Mr Scully. "Sometimes they do not re-spond well. One woman on the Isle of Wight thought she had a Constable. When the expert said it was a copy, she just wouldn't believe him, and after 20 minutes' arguing stalked off. But you can understand it. For 20 years she had been showing people into the drawingroom and saying 'Here is the Constable.' Then it is exposed as a copy in front of 13 million people.

Just then I spotted Jason Smith again, peeling away from Peter Nahum's table. It was 3pm, more than five hours since I had first seen him in the queue. His was not a Constable either.

Five hours and he says useful for decoration. You have to laugh." He does, "He said it was a chromolithograph, a sort of photocopy they used to do 100 years ago, of a painting by an unknown artist'

And he laughs again, "It's



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Is France leaving us behind?

Anatole Kaletsky says growth

can be achieved the French way

hen President Chirac arrives in London this morning, he will have to face something more daunting than a plate of roast beef. He will be made to confront his country's economic failure — its 12 per cent unemployment and its inability to compete in the world. He will be told there is no such thing as "a European third way" between Anglo-Saxon capitalism and socialist central planning. He will hear from John Major himself that scepticism about a single currency is motivated by plain British common sense: our economic approach happens to work, while Eu-

rope's does not. But Mr Major should watch out. The French President might meet all this condescension with a simple question: "What exactly does Britain

have to crow about?" France, after all, overtook Britain some 30 years ago to become the world's fourth largest economy. And it is not just a matter of statistics. By most measures of the quality of life - from income per head to gastronomy or the preservation of rural traditions — the French are doing better. They have excellent public and pri-

vate transport, a lavishly generous health service, and schools that put ours to shame. They even own 70 per cent of the Channel

Yes, say the Eurosceptics, but all that is history. Since the Thatcher revolution, the tables have been turned. With

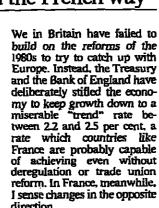
our flexible mar-kets, low taxes and dynamic were wrong or that the French entrepreneurs, we are catching up. We will soon overtake France, along with the rest of sclerotic Europe. This is a fine argument but for a small

problem: it is not true. Some indicators, including the oft-quoted rate of uneming better than France, but in terms of long-term growth and job creation, there has been no improvement in Britain's relative position since 1979. In fact between 1979 and 1995, Britain had exactly the same average growth rate of 1.9 per cent, and the same paltry rate of job creation, 0.17

per cent a year. Even on unemployment. Britain has a dubious record. Male unemployment is actually higher in Britain, even after three years of recovery, than it is in France in the depth of recession: 11 per cent against 10.8 per cent.

Britain's jobless figures are flattered by remarkably low fernale unemployment: 4.3 per cent in Britain against 14.9 per cent in France. Women are, of course, as entitled to jobs as men. But should we be so very proud of a society in which families cannot support themselves unless mothers take low-paid, part-time jobs of the kind which many French women seem to reject?

But what about the prospect? Looking ahead, surely things in Britain are getting better while France is going from bad to worse? I myself used to believe this. But recently two things have changed.



The French seem to have won their long battle with the Bundesbank. It now looks as if the single currency will be created on French terms with the Maastricht targets softened, and European currencies devalued against the dollar and yen. If you believe, as I do, that the main cause of France's unemployment was never economic rigidity", but the French élite's obsession with apeing German monetary policy, this is an immensely important

From next year onwards, low interest rates and a weaker franc could allow France to grow considerably faster than Britain's self-imposed speed limit of 2.5 per cent. And faster

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growth would produce a surge of job creation, as it did from 1986 to 1989. If. in the meantime, Britain sticks to defeatist caution, the us from France, far from narrowing. will again start to widen If this happens, it Bundesbank

will not prove that

are better off with a highly regulated economy. It will prove only that markets can work in societies of all kinds. Just as the human race can prosper in all kinds of climates as long as it has the basic requirements of food, water and fuel, so the market system is adaptable enough to function under a wide variety of tax, regulatory and political regimes — provided it gets the oxygen of demand.

The question now is which country will be more willing to supply that oxygen. If we in Britain really believe that our economic structures are stronger than Europe's, we should be confident enough to run our economy at a much higher growthrate than Germany or France. Yet all British politicians are united in thinking that rapid growth would lead straight to

inflationary disaster. Britain once might have proved that Thatcherite market economics really would produce a "tiger economy" with rapid rates of growth. But John Major threw away that chance, first as Chancellor in 1989, and then as Prime Minister in the years after Black Wednesday. Now, with the Bundesbank's grip slipping, the Europeans may have a chance to try out their "third way" in earnest, and so see if it can produce faster growth and more jobs. There is no reason, apart from xenophobia, to assume they



s you read this, all being well, I shall be on the sea

has grown visibly more moribund

and polluted in the past two decades.

The effects of modern industrial

overfishing are clear: fewer fish mean

It is not just a matter of the obvious

edible fish, the ones over which our

fishermen and Europe's quarrel so

vocally. The big white fish are

theoretically protected by interna-

tional legislation — but the craziness

of EU quotas is that they can only

police the landing, not the fishing, so the prime effect of all this fuss is to

make fishermen dump the smaller

fish back into the sea, dead, doing nobody any good at all. That is bad

enough, but all the time an even

greater enemy of sea life flourishes

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fisheries in which extremely fine nets

and seabed scoops are used to take

At least, the sprats and sand-eels

and pout may be low-value to us, but

they are invaluable to bigger fish, such as cod and haddock, for which

they are the staple food. They are also

life and death to seabirds. These

thousand thousand slimy things be-

neath the slimy sea are the basis of

marine life. Yet, heedless of the effects

which are already evident (fish scare-

ity, frequent crashes in the popula-

tion of UK-nesting birds such as puf-

fins), we efficiently scoop and scrape

them up, year after year, so they can be made into fishmeal and fish oils

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This material also goes into fertilis-

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why intensively reared chickens have

a fishy aftertaste). This is an enor-

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soft margarine in your fridge?)

millions of small, "low-value" fish.

fewer birds, seals and dolphins.



Greening of the giants

Multinationals are boycotting industrial fishing — in their own interest

surface, coasting from the southern North Sea down-Channel towards Land's End. In a small boat these days one's mind turns surprisingly often to the seaprotest about. The British Governbed; not for any morbid reason, but ment's panel on sustainable developbecause of a growing unease about ment, chaired by Sir Crispin Tickell. what is happening down there. You acknowledged the damage done by do not need to be a marine scientist to industrial fishing; even now, Greenknow that something is going wrong. If you sail round Britain, there are peace is out there in the North Sea to intercept the sand-eel boats. But the points - usually in the North and West, open to the Atlantic - where EU, for all its pettifogging fuss about far lesser issues, sets neither quotas the sea looks and smells pleasantly nor minimum mesh sizes for the industrial fisheries.

But all this despoliation happens a long way down and out of sight, and alive, with swooping birds and evidence of fish in careless natural abundance. Equally, there are places where it becomes dead: the North Sea

involves nothing furry or appealing: so as I wrote angrily in the boat's log once, "The seabed has no vote".

has happened this spring which makes the seabed's disenfranchisement a lot less important Environmental groups such as the World Wide Fund for Nature have more or

less given up on politicians. While useless governmental agencies shadow-box endlessly about Spanish trawlers, WWF has etly entered into an agreement with Unilever — the world's biggest seafood supplier - to set up the Marine Stewardship Council, an independent body which intends to establish a broad set of principles for sustainable fishing and set standards for individual fisheries". It will

produce a logo, to allow consumers to see what they are buying. All right, a talking-shop: but stop yawning in that cynical manner, because there is more. Unilever, a massively rich multinational not famous for its sentimentality, is putting its money where its mouth is. Three weeks ago it pledged that within a year it will completely stop using fish-oil derived from this nonsustainable industrial fishing in European waters, (As for other waters, it is doing rapid research with further boycotts in view.) Unilever is not ing this for mere green credibility the fish-oil it processes does not go into its own brands, such as Bird's Eye anyway — but because fish is a

large part of its business worldwide.

The company is big and rich; it has no electorate to pander to: it can

afford to take a longer view than either small companies or governments. This view it has taken, and all things considered it would rather face a moderate financial disadvantage now than an ecological disaster in the long run. Its interests coincide with those of the cod and haddock. As users or processors of more than 10 per cent of the world's fish-oil it carries considerable financial clout. and the industry will have to adjust

itself to this action. Unilever is not quite alone. Two days after that announcement, Sainsbury's made another: within a

twelvemonth it will have phased out fish-oil from biscuits, cakes, pastries and margain new Marine Stewardship Council. Again, other chains will have to take notice, lest a march

be stolen on them; and again, Sainsbury's motive is not piety or PR. Seafood consumption is rising (assisted just now by the prissy public dread "red meat") and the health of nearby fish stocks is of commercial value to supermarketeers on this North Sea island. So it has come about that the environmentalists and their scientists have persuaded these large companies to act more responsibly towards the environment, by appealing to their self-interest.

The principle could extend farther and faster than we think. After a decade in which environmental action meant the boom and decline of "green" labels - many of them fairly worthless - and politicians making lavish promises at Rio and doing next to nothing, these last years of the cen-tury are giving birth to a new alliance: a type of ruthless, unsentimental large-scale action which entirely hypasses governments. After years of environmentalists and the industrialists, the sandals and the suits, are working things out together without reference to the windy posturing and nervous indecision of elected politicians. If other big companies in Europe follow Unilever and the disgraceful overuse of fish protein in feeds and fertilisers declines simply because the companies fear it running out, there will be nothing whatsoever that the EU Governments can do to change things back or prop up the industrial fisheries in the myopic way they prop up intensive farming. If that happens, the market will die and the sea will live: all because big commerce wants it to, and can afford to take a long view, and is willing to bully small commerce into line.

the tumbling Channel waves, I find the idea at times oddly worrying. It brings us a step closer to government by multinational, to the day when our vote is irrelevant to many of the decisions which really matter and the control of capitalism is complete. Environmental pressure groups may soon stop bothering to turn up at Westminster, and do their persuading in boardrooms instead.

At other times the thought is stimulating, and I say to the waves, fine: let suits and sandals reign! One lot have the money and the organisational talent, the other lot have the burning ideals and the vision. Let them sort it out between them. Perhaps there will be other small-scale instances of the same odd alliance. Take the squatters on Guinness's Wandsworth wasteland, who have come down from the Newbury trees with their yurts and dulcimers and determination to bring socialist permaculture to the 13 acres of inner city which the brewers have left derelict for seven years because the planners would not let them build big. Perhaps an accommodation will be reached between squatters and company faster than we think. Guinness might decide that its public relations and real interests lie closer to the intruders than anyone thinks. Already the tents bear cheeky signs saying "Greenness is good for you" So just imagine it: the company might use its clout and corporate lawyers to force through planning permission for a model yurt city in Wandsworth surrounded by goats and maize, and act as genial midwives and patrons to the New Jerusalem. Perhaps together, over a dande-lion salad in the board-yurt, they would make a fairer stab at running a swath of inner city than, say, Westminster council under Dame

Mulling over these matters among

Shirley Porter. If I were a politician, I would be dreadfully worried.

her latest venture - playing Sue opposite Rulus Sewell's Jude in Jude the Obscure.

The film has already appalled many Hardy diehards because of its fresh approach, which takes in some full-frontal nudity from Kate. And she admits that her parents may sympathise with the protesters. "I haven't discussed the nudity with them," she said. "No doubt will come as a hit of a shock."

And so to Bed

THE LIFE of a journalist is never easy, but one veteran on the Daily Mirror is really going through the mill. After a tipple or two with his chums after work, he tends to fall asleep on the train home to Harpenden in Hertford shire, and wake up at the end of the line — in Bedlord.

One night when he missed his stop, he reboarded the train in Bedford, fell asleep again and woke up back in London. Drastic measures were called for, so he boarded the train one night in London and placed a sign around his neck saying "Please wake me up at Harpenden". Sadly, he woke up in Bedford once again to find that someone had written "Tee hee" on his sign.

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Fertility,5 Aids and prejudice

Robert Winston on

why he gave IVF to

an HIV patient

ome time ago I read a rather silly article in a Sunday news-paper. The director of one of Britain's more fashionable clinics for in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) was quoted as saying, "If we think a couple would make perfectly good parents we wouldn't refuse to treat them." This shallow statement sums up much of what is wrong with the way we currently deploy medical resources. It supposes that anybody, lay person or fertility expert, can decide whether or not a couple would make "perfectly good parents" — and on the mere evidence of a news article or a 20-minute consultation in the highly artified environment of an IVF clinic.

At 19, Sheila was on heroin, and was heavily influenced by a boy-friend who infected her with the human immuno-deficiency virus (HIV). Eight years later, long after kicking her drug habit, and now hap-pily married to Alan, she found she was infertile. She went to her local teaching hospital for fertility treat-ment. They found that her tubes were blocked, and, during routine screen-ing, that she was HIV-positive.

Since then, she and Alan have practised protected sex, to avoid his getting the virus. The teaching hospi-tal, which had initially been keen to offer her infertility treatment, became uncommunicative. The doctors recommended IVF treatment, but refused to give this themselves because Sheila might develop Aids. Ten years had now passed since she was first infected and gave up drugs. Her GP referred her to me, and I saw her very reluctantly, because I was aware that I would be faced with an immensely difficult decision.

t first, I was convinced that I A would not offer her IVF, and told her this firmly. I was concerned that any baby might be infected with the virus and die shortly after birth. Discussion with Alan and Sheila was remarkably easy and without embarrassment, because they were quite open and because. they had obviously thought extremely carefully about the decision they were taking. During our second protracted consultation, I found myself being increasingly impressed by them, and by the loving relationship

they so obviously shared. At our fourth meeting together, I became convinced that treatment would be reasonable. I was also aware that I had a duty to respect their autonomy. I told them that I could not promise treatment, because this, it seemed to me, was a matter for my entire team. I told them that I would put this difficult question to a team meeting, hoping to arrive at a

favourable collective decision. I was ill-prepared for the storm. The fraught meeting - which, in a spirit of openness, was filmed — is to be screened on BBCl on Thursday as part of the series Making Babies. 1 regard the team as an extended family, and we have always taken such decisions together; I found it hard to watch them making a

seemingly prejudiced decision. Yes. HIV is a potential death sentence, and yes, the child might die of Aids. However, Sheila has by now been completely well for ten years, and there might be a cure around the corner. We allow many quite ill women, perhaps with renal or liver disease, to go through pregnancy every week. With Caesarean section to, limit cross-infection, the baby would have only a 10 per cent chance of being born infected. Many responsible couples deliberately begin a pregnancy knowing, for example, that they carry a gene for a latal inherited disease which might give rise to infant death within a year or so of birth. It seems to me this is a gamble that they are entitled to take - in the hope of having normal offspring.

onths later, the members of my team had changed their views. The chairman of our local ethics committee and various senior obstetricians were unanimously in favour of treatment. Informal discussions with the regulatory body also supported our decision, and treatment was started. Sadly, IVF - paid for with money from a charitable source — failed, but 2 years after first contracting HIV

Sheila remains perfectly well. I am sorry that people can be so critical of a decision carefully taken by a deeply loving couple who have thought things through with great maturity. Some people reported in the press have been very censorious. even though they have never met Alan and Sheila and so certainly cannot judge the case at first hand. After all, if Sheila's tubes had not been blocked, she could have conceived without anybody's help and without anybody interlering with her considered opinion.

I have no idea whether any of my patients make good parents - inleed. I am not sure if I am myself. What troubles me most about this arbitrary process - in which we impose our values on others perhaps less articulate or knowledgeable than ourselves - is that we are in a position to do so simply because they suffer from infertility. No other free member of society is vetted before trying for a baby.

Professor Lord Winston is the director of Britain's largest IVF clinic, at Hammersmith Hospital.

Spy hatcher

SAS operations by former members of the special forces, a female soldier in army intelligence-gathering and surveillance work has sold

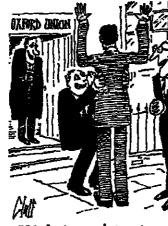
HarperCollins is said to have paid nearly £200,000 for the book. which has a working title One-up and will be written under a penname, Sarah Ford.

The publisher refuses to comment on its acquisition; but "Ms Ford" worked under "deep cover" in Northern Ireland for many years in an SAS-style role for one of the Army's secret intelligence units. "The Defence Ministry has been getting excited about SAS men writing their memoirs, but this will make the SAS books look like chicken-feed," said one literary

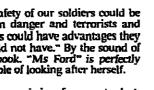
Defence chiefs are indeed tugging nervously at their medals. Less than a fortnight ago, the Ministry of Defence warned of legal action to prevent the publication of sensitive material about Britain's Armed Forces. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, was on the attack: "It is important that methods and approaches used

AFTER the flurry of bestsellers on the safety of our soldiers could be put in danger and terrorists and others could have advantages they should not have." By the sound of her book. "Ms Ford" is perfectly capable of looking after herself.

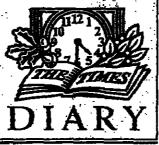
 One omission from yesterday's list of finalists for Time Out's Best Pizza Award was Covent Garden's Caffe Piazza. Two wecks after be-



"It's just a quaint custom. Mr Simpson. We fleece all







ing shortlisted, the restaurant was bulldozed as part of the Royal Overa House's extension plans. "It was the first — and last — nomination the place had ever won," said a disappointed regular.

Prague fling

SUNDAY in Prague. Peter Mandelson, Labour MP for Hartlepool. has lunch with Baroness Thatcher. When it comes to meetings, this one is up there with Stanley and Livingstone, Achilles and Priam. Mandelson, the schemer behind Tony Blair's leadership, joined the former Prime Minister at the British Ambassador's residence, where she was staying. Both had attended the launch of the New Atlantic Initiative on Friday and Saturday. As I reported yesterday. Mandelson applauded the speech from Lady T.

Mandelson now ranks alongside Thatcher herself in the demonology of the traditional Left, for his rank opportunism and ideological flexibility. His feud with the Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, is just one indication of the sort of resentment he incurs. Paul Johnson and the Lords

Beloff and Chalfont also attended the luncheon. But sadly missing was Mandelson's newfound friend Lady Powell, wife of Lady Thatcher's former adviser, Sir Charles

Savile service

EXPECT some chest-beating from the old guard at the AGM of the Savile Club next week. A fiery resolution allowing lady guests into the inner sanctum has been proposed for the gentlemen's club.

Members shall be at liberty to introduce female strangers to The Sandpit over the luncheon period and to luncheon in the ballroom or the Robert Louis Stevenson room," runs a suggested ammendment to the rules. The Sandpit, so called because of

its yellow walls, is where the gents

retire after luncheon to warm their

brandies by the open fire and com-

pare varieose veins. "It's the thin

end of the wedge," growled one

old-timer, so disconcerted at the

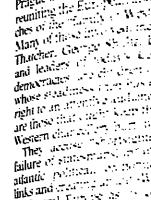
Kate: shock in store

creeping prospect of lady members that he downed his gin-and-tonic in one draft - lemon and all.

Show off

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members. Those knocking at the gate have itical task of embracing ex-communist democracies has been relinquished to accountants and EU bureaucrats. Almost unnoticed by most Americans, who see European integration as a "good thing" but have little notion of what it means, divisive arguments about monetary union and the revision of Maastricht have again drawn the EU in on itself. The Central Europeans, faced by demands from Brussels for radical

changes in their legal and economic systems without any firm date for EU membership as reward, scent bad faith. Haunted by the perils of the post-Habsburg vacuum, they increasingly insist on Nato membership in order to harness America's interest in their successful reintegration with the West.

Nato has promised a reply in December. The case for enlargement is one of principle: that independent nations have the right to choose their own foreign and defence polic-

The right questions, if not all the right answers The "Atlantic Initiative" was launched at Prague last weekend, with the grand goal of ies, and allies. The case against is that Europe will not be secure unless Russia is stable reuniting the European and American branand contented within a territory smaller ches of the "family of Western civilisation". than that which it has ruled for 400 years, Many of those involved, including Baroness with "soft" rather than strategic frontiers. Thatcher, George Shultz, Helmut Schmidt The hard fact is that Russians of all and leaders of today's Central European persuasions, democrats as well as nationaldemocracies, are children of the Cold War. ists, would see the expansion of Nato to the whose steadiness then has earned them the threshold of the former Soviet Union as a right to an attentive audience. Their worries humiliation. The liberals' case for engageare those that ought keep the lights of every Western chancellery burning late. ment with Western democracy would be undercut if nationalists took this new "threat" They accuse "shortsightedness and the to justify severing partnership with the failure of statesmanship" of eroding trans-

The West knows this perfectly well, which is why the decision has been deferred until after next month's Russian presidential election. Publicly, Western governments maintain that enlargement is compatible with a well-managed security relationship with Russia — and that it will not replace the political fault-lines of Yalta with new ones further east. Privately, many diplomats and military commanders believe nothing of the kind; but they argue that to retreat now would compound the original error by implying acceptance of a Russian veto.

Enlargement must meet two conditions. It must enhance European security, which it will not do if the countries most vulnerable to Russian irredentism - Ukraine and the Baltic states - are denied an umbrella granted to nations whose fears are less grounded in present danger. It must preserve the full weight of Nato's credibility as a deterrent alliance: which means certainty that attack on any member would provoke a US response. The worst of all worlds would be for Nato to sleepwalk into enlargement without positive answers to both these questions. The rising exasperation with the West in Europe's new democracies aids the return of communists, some less reformed than others. The Prague congress did well to focus on this neglected peril. But it is rapid expansion of the EU, not of Nato. that would inexorably link them to the West and without strategic risk. America needs to pay more attention to the EU debate: EU governments should be ashamed to leave

CLOWN AND BROKE

Economics and the Treasury dominate politics

The position of Chancellor is not a popular one. Nor does it seem that the Shadow role brings much more in the way of plaudits. Kenneth Clarke and Gordon Brown have both suffered a barrage of criticism from their respective parties as the force of economic orthodoxy has pushed the policies of the two together. The Chancellor is under fire from his Right for refusing to pledge tax cuts. His Shadow faces equally fierce attack led by the Left for failing to promise tax increases. Both hanker openly after a single currency — infuriating colleagues.

The heresy has been compounded by the rhetoric of the two. A Tory occupant of No 11 stresses the importance of "quality public expenditure" - a contradiction to many true Thatcherites. Meanwhile, the man who would benefit from the removal van after the election espouses the virtues of a "dynamic enterprise economy" - utter treason in the eyes of solid socialists.

This convergence in both substance and speech reflects the dominance of economics over public policy and the commanding role of the Treasury in Whitehall. When politics and ideology must be excluded from all fiscal questions, financial numbers and tedious practicality reign in their place. Low inflation and small borrowing will be the watchword regardless. This may have almost always been true for those in Government; when aspirants in Opposition must apparently follow the same course, this represents

the final triumph of the Exchequer. Despite periodic attempts by Margaret Thatcher to curtail its strength, the Treasury has rebounded in the 1990s. Michael Heseltine could not prevent the concomitant weakening of the DTI. The ceaseless quest to

exercise some control over the monster that is public spending forces politicians of all hues to conform to this institution.

accountants to fill the vacuum of leadership.

Even the policy disaster of ERM membership could not dent the stranglehold. Public attention has focused on the fact that the Bank of England is more explicitly involved in interest rate questions since sterling's exit. It has been quietly forgotten that the Prime Minister is now excluded from them. This outcome - call it Lawson's revenge - has caused smug satisfaction in certain corridors of power. The ever greater centralisation of power over the last two decades, which Simon Jenkins has lamented so eloquently in words here and elsewhere. is unlikely to be reversed at the ballot box.

The gnomes of Great George Street have little to fear from a new Government, then. Gordon Brown has already shown promising parsimony. He can be tutored as a suitable heir to that great socialist dynasty of tight-fisted Chancellors, Philip Snowden, Sir Stafford Cripps and Denis Healey, new Labour has shown no enthusiasm for such schemes-gone-by as the Department for Economic Affairs. A mere "super-Treasury" is planned, capable of "strategic planning" for Whitehall and beyond. Mr Brown and his officials should get on splendidly.

None of this is particularly novel, of course. In 1954 the fiscal approach of the major parties was so similar that the Economist combined Rab Butler and Hugh Gaitskell to produce Mr Butskell. In an appropriate reflection of our recent and perhaps future economic fate the same can be done today. For another year at least we will probably have to live with Mr Clown: after that, and appropriately perhaps, Mr Broke.

THE AULD ALLIANCE

Gaels and Gauls have much in common

Few nations are as fickle with their favours as the Scots. Although in a legal Union with the English, the Scots have occasionally found it uncomfortable being in bed with an elephant. As befits a nation where the meanest Mackay is still a blood relative of a nobleman, the Scots have followed the fashion among aristocratic adulterers and taken a French mistress. The Auld Alliance is the Sunday name for the long flirtation between France and Scotland which, like all liaisons dangereuses, has provided the spice to keep the main marriage successful.

The alliance has seldom looked stronger. This Thursday President Chirac promenades through the Glasgow estate of Easterhouse. On Saturday an Argyllshire chanteuse, Karen Matheson, will represent France in the Eurovision Song Contest. The Gallic and Celtic seem as refreshingly mixed as a Bruichladdich with a dash of Badoit.

The origin of the alliance lies in the dark diplomacy of the late Middle Ages when French Kings sought to undermine the English and the Scots strove to keep their independence. The enemy's enemy soon became something more. Dynastic mingling made the French Mary of Guise into Scotland's Queen as wife of Flodden-felled King James V. Her tragic daughter. Mary

Queen of Scots, was, in turn, briefly bride of the Dauphin Francis. Reformation and Revolution subsequently drove a wedge between Catholic, absolutist, ancien regime France and Protestant, Whiggish, commercial Scotland, but the Scots had a care to keep open the lines of communication.

The Scots kept a continental flavour to the most important aspects of life. While the English drank beer, hock or port the Scots kept their taste for decent Bordeaux. During the 18th century more claret was landed at Leith than any other harbour in Britain. The Scots kept French cellars and also built French homes. While the distinctive domestic architecture of the English is the semidetached, the urban Scot shares with the Parisian a tendresse for the tenement.

To many in France English literature has a Scots accent. Romanticism in England is the property of poets such as Shelley, Keats and Wordsworth, but abroad the standardbearers for the sensibility are two Scots. Lord Byron and Sir Walter Scott. Yet the influence of the alliance, while strong, should not be over-stated. Karen Matheson may sing this Saturday in Breton, a sister tongue of Gaelic, but for most Scots songs of Celtic solidarity will remain what they sing at Parkhead when Rangers visit.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

British options in cloud-cuckoo-land

From Sir Leslie Fielding

Sir, I take a less sanguine view than Sir William Nicoll (letter, May 10) of the options available to Britain if it were to secede from the European Union. To be sure, if I were still the official negotiator of trade agreements in Brussels, I would expect to get the Commission and the Council to offer a seceding UK an industrial free trade deal, on the usual EU terms. But would the UK want it?

No coverage for our exports of (nonbeef) agricultural and fish products, confectionery or Scotch whisky: rules of origin problems and possible quantitative restrictions on Japanese Rovers; border taxation and bureaucracy unknown to us inside the Single Market; no free movement of capital or labour or services; no escape from the automatic application of Brussels rules on standards and much else, nor from sectoral or general safeguard clauses against us; no way of attracting (as the Swedes found) significant new foreign direct investment or of retaining what we already have.

Nor would I expect to improve on the above, with the offer of membership of the Customs Union or of the European Economic Area. The latter was originally a mere staging post of EFTA countries for whose full membership the EU was not then ready. Today the resting place only of Nor-way and Iceland, it is not negotiable as the permanent privileged abode of a seceding major EU member state. A fortiori. membership of the Customs Union alone would be seen by our partners as unacceptably one-sid-

ed — all benefit and no sacrifice or manifest solidarity.

Since the UK joined the European Community in 1973, our continued relative economic and military decline has not passed unnoticed; nor have early continental expectations of British political leadership in Europe

been very obviously fulfilled. There is no organised ill will towards us. In 1996, however, we find ourselves a smaller fish in a bigger pool, with our options consequently more confined. The Prime Minister is right that we should not now withdraw to cloud-cuckoo-land (report, April 25).

Yours faithfully, LESLIE FIELDING (EU Director General for External Relations, 1982-87), Sutton Court, Stanton Lacy, Ludlow, Shropshire. May 12.

Flying the flag

From Professor Maxwell Hutchinson Sir. Our lack of enthusiasm for flying the European flag has more to do with good taste than Euro-scepticism. In my view it is a meaningless, ugly rag. Surely the design talent of united Eurone can do better than a trivial piece of carnival bunting.

The best buildings in new Europe have been the subject of open competition. So why not let our designers compete and create a flag truly worthy of a flutter?

Yours faithfully, MAXWELL HUTCHINSON (President, Royal Institute of British Architects, 1989-91). Connaught House, 80 Wimpole Street, WI.

Dr Carey's lecture

Sir. I was saddened to read your frontpage headline of May 10, "Carey at-tacks Howard over wild frontier" policy of revenge"

From the Archbishop of Canterbury

My Prison Reform Trust lecture raised serious concerns, properly summarised in your report, about the balance of penal policy. I am sorry that your headline gave the false impression of an intemperate personal attack. In particular, it is wrong to suggest that I accused Michael Howard, whose integrity and ability I deeply respect, of a "policy of re-

Yours etc. †GEORGE CANTUAR. Lambeth Palace, SEL May 13.

Labour and Whitehall

From Mr Derek Foster, MP for Bishop Auckland (Labour)

Sir, Sue Cameron's article, "Mr Blair and the mandarins: Labour won't talk to Whitehall" (May 9), is based on the assumption that members of the Shadow Cabinet are not yet in formal contact with permanent secretaries. Let me put the record straight. A

substantial number of Labour's frontbench are already in formal contact with permanent secretaries, under the rules agreed with the Leader of the Opposition and the Prime Minister, and more will be shortly. The contacts are of course confidential and we do not therefore give them publicity.

DEREK FOSTER (Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster). House of Commons. May 9.

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Pitfalls in long-term care reforms

From the Executive Director of ARPO50

Sir, Few things have demonstrated better the lack of vision among current politicians than the debacle which has developed concerning residential care for elderly people, and Stephen Dorrell's suggestion of private insurance (report, May 8; see also reports, Weekend Money, May 11) is, say the least, optimistic.

The unarticulated but generally accepted ideal of mutual care has become an important component of our social consciousness over the past fifty years. With all its faults, the concept of the welfare state has replaced patriotism as the focus for national identity and has contributed to the breaking down of historical social divisions.

The outcry over payment for resi-dential care in old age is much more than a protest about loss of capital or inheritance, however justified such protest might be. It is far easier to cry out about the size of insurance premiums than to confess to a sense of sorrow and anger at the loss of a social ideal.

Collectivism is expensive but the retreat to individualism and self interest also carries a price. It is not those over the age of 65 - for whom the current debate is largely academic — but gen-erations to follow, who will discover just how high in both economic and social terms that price might be.

Yours faithfully, D. W. STEELE, Executive Director, ARPO50 (Association of Retired Persons Over 50), Greencoat House, Francis Street, SW1.

From Dr Don Taylor

Sir. As a visiting researcher from the University of North Carolina studying the NHS, I was interested to see Stephen Dorrell's proposal to increase the use of private insurance to cover long-term care expenses.

I fear this strategy is likely to disanpoint, as experience from the US suggests that long-term care is simply not a "commodity" that can be dealt with from a traditional insurance standpoint.

My country has a well developed history of depending on private insurance to cover the risks of just about anything, but it is telling that in my home state of North Carolina only 51,000 of 6.5 million people (less than 1 per cent) have long-term care insur-

This is in spite of over sixty companies that offer such policies in my state and who surely would love to sell more. A state full of irresponsible people? Hardly. Long-term care insurance simply costs too much.

The North Carolina Department of Insurance advises that long-term care insurance is too expensive for those with assets of less than \$100,000 (not including the value of a house). That is just about all of us.

If private insurance companies in the US have not found a way to bring long-term care policies to the market that are actuarially sound and affordable, then I suggest it can't be done. Traditional insurance principles such as insuring your home against fire (a very unlikely event) simply don't ap-

In the absence of a social insurance scheme in the US most have no choice other than to wait and see if their loved ones need long-term care (about one in four of us will); my grandmother does and it costs about \$30,000 per year, paid for by the family. I guess long-term care is our national lottery.

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some injuries are sustained whilst

committing offences. It is important,

though, not to blame victims for their

plight. A sympathetic response can help prevent the serious psychological

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One of the frustrations in treating

those seriously injured in violence is

that so few incidents are investigated

and even fewer assailants are convict-

ed. A reason for this is that the police

label some incidents as "domestic" he-

cause of an assumed pre-existing rela-

tionship between victim and assailant

when, in fact, the attack may have

been unprovoked and by a complete

Less typecasting would result in bet-ter treatment for victims and an in-

crease in the chances of offenders be-

ing brought to justice.

University of Wales

College of Medicine,

Heath Park, Cardiff.

Oflot security

From Dr N. G. B. Hersey

JONATHAN SHEPHERD,

Department of Oral Surgery,

Medicine and Pathology.

Yours faithfully,

Yours etc. DON TAYLOR. 16 Sylvandale Avenue, Levenshulme, Manchester.

to suffer.

stranger.

Faulty typecasting

From Professor Jonathan Shepherd

Sir, One group of people about whom preconceptions need to be thrown into healthy confusion" ("Not my type - or yours". Libby Purves, May 7) is victims of crime. Some of my patients with face injuries have been disadvantaged because of typecasting, to their assailants' benefit.

Investigations have revealed some astonishing caricatures: for example, of most victims as being offenders reswho have been drinking have been condemned as not deserving NHS treatment.

These beliefs are not just held by some coal-face casualty doctors. During a recent discussion about ways in which casualty department/police joint working might be improved, one consultant felt it was unethical to report serious violence on the grounds that victims would be "shopped". His assumption was that they were large-

ly injured whilst breaking the law. Clearly, in the interests of efficiency, it may not be possible to tease out all

School buildings

From Mr Roger Tant

Sir, As a structural engineer involved with educational buildings I was angered by political parties promises for provision of more information technology in schools (Education, May 3).

Research by the Association of County Councils shows that approximately 765,000 children in England are, on a daily basis, being taught in mobile classrooms or huts, many in very poor condition, some dating back to the Second World War and costing a fortune to maintain.

How about getting our priorities right and replacing these appalling temporary classrooms with modern buildings? Then get the computers to put in them.

Yours faithfully, ROGER TANT, The Budgen Partnership (Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers),

382-386 Edgware Road, W2.

Brought to book

From Dr Kay Davenport

Sir, Professor Denis Stevens complains (letter, May 4) about the inconvenience to readers created by the Brifacilities for producing readers' tickets. His complaint rather overlooks two facts:

by Library admissions; this service has obviously been discontinued because of lack of funding.

charged £6 for a day pass to use the library facilities.

As an American who has been using the British Library for two de-cades. I am astounded that anyone should be indignant at losing "a quarter of a fiver" and at having to walk a few blocks to get photographs when the vast resources of the British LibSir, You report (May 2; see also letters, May 2, 4) that prospective employees of Camelot are vetted by Oflot's security team, and applications are checked with the National Criminal Intelligence Service, the Police National Computer, the Inland Revenue and the security services.

Why is Oflot given such privileged access to reference sources denied to private companies fitting security systems or employing uniformed guards? Clearly National Lottery profits should not go to organised crime. but the distinct possibility of a known burglar fitting my alarm system, or an ex-convict "guarding" my proper-ty, purely because the Home Office does not allow adequate security vetting in these cases, is certainly of equal importance to me personally.

Yours faithfully, N. G. B. HERSEY, Appletrees, Great Churchway, Plymouth.

Yours faithfully

KAY DAVENPORT

21 Highbury Hill, N5.

From Mrs Mary Burns

Professor Stevens'.

rary are offered free of charge. On one

Friday a few weeks ago the Reading

Room processed more than 2,000 ap-

plications for books. Rather more, I

should imagine, than the Bodleian.

Sir, My experience is the opposite of

Seeking to renew my reader's ticket,

tish Library not having photographic

a) Once readers were photographed

b) The British Library makes no issued in 1939, I (80) recently went to charge for providing "a happy haven the British Library, taking with me of help for scholars", whereas, for extwo bad (and ancient) photographs. ample, the University of London charsurplus to some previous similar ges members of Convocation £10 for requirement. To my surprise they access and £80 a year for those who proved acceptable, and I was cheerfulwish to exercise borrowing rights. ly given, with no demur or red tape. Members of the public who do not an immediate renewal until the year hold University of London degrees are

My field of study is medieval French literature, which, I assume, has not changed much either. All I now need is an up-to-date reading list. Yours sincerely,

MARY BURNS. 90 Southwood Lane, Highgate, No.

Army chaplains' duty of discretion

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From the Right Reverend J. D. G. Kirkham, Bishop to the Forces

Sir, Your report, "MPs support ban on homosexuals in the Armed Forces" (May 8), on the most recent meeting of the cross-party Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill stated that the committee was concerned that it had been alleged that military chaplains had divulged what had been told to them in confidence.

If this has happened at any time it is explicitly contrary to the guidelines on confidentiality issued to all muliary chaplains by their respective heads.

The position is quite clear and is endorsed by the Chaplain of the Fleet. the Chaplain General and the Chap-lain-in-Chief (RAF). Chaplains in HM Forces are commissioned as chaplains and their status as officers in no way prejudices their absolute duty of confidentiality on all matters as priests and ministers of their respective churches. This is recognised by the authorities

in all three Services.

If individual chaplains have failed in their duty of confidentiality, for whatever reason, that is a matter of extreme regret and they have contravened their duty as chaplains. The three Heads of Service Chaplaincy would take an extremely serious view of any such contravention, as they would of any perceived or real pressure by the Service authorities on a chaplain to betray what has been told to him or her in confidence, without the express permission of the person concerned.

All military chaplains are aware of this long-standing policy and are conscious of their duty to maintain the inviolability of the trust implicit in a pastoral relationship.

Yours faithfully, **†JOHN SHERBORNE,** Little Bailie, Sturminster Marshall. Wimborne, Dorset. May IO.

British theatre

From Mr Charles Morgan

Sir, Your leader ("Flaunt it", May 9; see also letters, May 13) rightly celebrates the new and established talent in British theatre. You could have added that this has been achieved against a background of declining Government support, despite the fact the returns in terms of tax for the Exchequer and overseas earnings are substantially greater than the subsidy provided.

It is ironic that you should choose as an example the Royal Court, certainly a successful theatre but one which I believe has to think about whether it can afford to turn on the photocopier

so that everybody has a script. You suggest if Tony Blair becomes Prime Minister, his policies for the arts may be no different from those of the Conservatives. In that case you should make your call: flaunt it and support it properly too.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES MORGAN, 7 Dorset Road, Talbot Woods. Bournemouth, Dorset.

High society

From Brigadier C. W. Woodburn

Sir, Unlike Mr Woodall (letter, May 7: see also letters, May 11) I found the announcement of my daughter's engagement today to be at the end of the list of forthcoming marriages, in spite of her becoming engaged to a man who is alphabetically her superior. Well.

we Ws know our place. I then noticed that the order in which the announcements were listed was alphabetically correct for both the gentlemen and the ladies concerned. I have not calculated the chance of this occurring for a list of five engagements. I suspect that it is an even greater number than the anticipated cost of the wedding.

Yours faithfully, BILL WOODBURN, Iverna, The Drive, Bosham, Chichester, West Sussex.

From Professor Alec Eden Sir, The pleasure of Mr Woodall and his wife (nee Ulyatt) on the ascension of their daughter up the alphabetical ladder is understandable.

For several years I worked with a Norwegian colleague, Dr Aaslid, who could barely conceal his excitement when his name appeared at the head of the list of references in scientific publications. When I tried to find his number in the Oslo telephone directory I understood why. In his native country his name was written as "Aslid" - and A is the 29th letter of the Norwegian alphabet.

Yours faithfully. ALEC EDEN. The Thatched House, Mead Road, Torquay, Devon.

London footpath

From Mr Sandy Ellis

Sir, When the London Outer Orbital Path (report, May 4) is completed in 2000, given the present rate of growth in road traffic, might this prove to be not only a more environmentally desirable way of circumnavigating London, but also quicker than the M25?

Yours faithfully. SANDY ELLIS. The Hermitage, Sale Green, Nr Droitwich, Worcestershire.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 13: The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the Windson and Maidenhead District Sports Association for the Disabled and opened a new extension to the Clubhouse at Braywick Sports Ground, Maidenhead, Berkshire,

His Royal Highness, President and Honorary Life Fellow, Royal Society for the Encouragement of merce, this evening attended a Reception at St James's Palace to launch the William Shipley Appeal.

ST JAMES'S PALACE May 13: The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury, and attended a Reception for Botanic Gardens

KENSINGTON PALACE May 13: The Princess of Wales, Patron, International Spinal Research Trust this morning attended the send-off of Push 2000 at Kensington Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE May 13: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal New Zealand Corps of Transport, this afternoon rec Brigadier Thomas Leighs, Colonel Commandant of the Corps and

Today's royal

engagements appointed to be a circuit ladge on the Northern Circuit. Miss Lesley Millard has been appointed a district judge on the South Eastern Circuit. The Princess Royal will attend the guest lecture to commemorate the Bicentennial of The Legacy of Jenner: Vaccination Past, Present and Future. The Royal Society,

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, will open the research institute, The Royal Free Hospital, Fleet Road, Hampstead, at 1.55pm.

Appointment

Mr Ian Mackley has been appointed High Commissioner to Ghana and, additionally, Ambassador (non-resident) to Togo in succession to Mr David Walker, who will be transferring to a new Diplomatic Service appointment in mid-July.

The Duke of Kent was represented by Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison, Vice-President of the

Automobile Association, who gave an address, and Prince Michael of Kent by

Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, at a memorial requiem

Mass for Mr Simon Dver. Director

General of the AA, held yesterday at

Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of

Westminster, was the principal celebrant

and delivered the homily. The other

celebrants were Father Gerald Hughes, OSB, Father Edward Corbould, OSB,

and Father Anthony Laundy, of St

Judge Mark Dyer, brother, and Mr Adrian Brennan read the lessons. Father

Ronald Creighton-Jobe was robed and in

Among others present were:

Winefride's, Kew.

the sanctuary.

The Most Rev Luigi Barbarito, Apostolic Nuncio, will attend the concert which will be given by Victoria de los Angeles and the Farm Street Choir at Farm Street ing on to the rock under the

Mrs Dyer (widow), Miss Jernima Dyer and Miss Louise Dyer (daughters), Mrs Maxwell Dyer (mother), Mrs Mark Dyer

(sister-in-law), Mrs Phyllis Wing (mother-in-law), Mrs Dominic Twose.

Miss Cordelia Dyer and other members

Sir Brian Shaw (Chairman of the AA)

and Lady Shaw with Sir John Blelloch

(Vice-Chairman) and Lady Blelloch, Lord and Lady Crickhowell, Baroness Wilcox,

Sir Peter Baldwin, Lady Carr-Ellison, Sir

Alexander and Lady Durie, General Sir Jack Harman, Sir Brian and Lady Jenkins, Sir Kenneth Newman, Mr and

Mrs Michael Pickard, Mr and Mrs Bob

Chase, Mr Mark Haszlakiewicz, Mr and

Mrs Pete Johnson, Mr and Mrs Frank

Thackwray, Mr and Mrs Mark Wood,

Mr Anthony Peagam, Mr and Mrs Colin

t-General Sir Norman Arthur,

Lieutenant Colonel Ian Gordon Assistant Defence Advisor (Army). New Zealand High Commission. KENSINGTON PALACE

May 13: The Duke of Gloucester this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport at the conclusion of His Royal Highness's visit to Wash-ington DC, United States of

Major Nicholas Barne was in anendance. YORK HOUSE.

ST JAMES'S PALACE May 13: The Duke of Kent. Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited Automotive Products Group Limited, Tachbrook Road, Learning Spa, and was met on arrival by Captain Charles Fetherston-Dilke,

Royal Navy (Vice-Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire). His Royal Highness this after-noon visited Lumonics Limited. Cosford Lane, Swift Valley, Rugby, and later opened the new School House, Rugby School, Rugby,

The Duke of Kent was represented by Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison at the Memorial Service for Mr Simon Dyer, which was held at Brompton Oratory, London SW3. this morning.

Legal appointments Mr Timothy Mort has been appointed to be a circuit judge on the Northern Circuit.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Lady Olga Maitland, MP, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Miss Hazel Ellis presided.

Concert

Church at 7.30pm on May 20.

of the family.

Survivor of wrecked ship carves memorial to lost sailors

By Dominic Kennedy

A SURVIVOR of the Maria Asumpta, the sailing ship wrecked against rocks in Cornwall almost a year ago, has completed a sculpture to the memory of 700 sailors lost in wartime.

Philip Chatfield, 37, who was carpenter on the 125ft vessel, overcame the trauma of his experience to carve the 21ft, 43-tonne memorial. He overcame physical pain and flashbacks as he chipped away for months in a quarry in Portland.

The memorial was unveiled in the port of Barry last week by two merchant seamen who survived torpedo attacks during the last war.

The Maria Asumpta, built in 1858 and the world's oldest working sailing ship. was wrecked on May 30 last year when her engine failed as she tried to manoeuvre into Padstow harbour. Three crew members died. Mr Chatfield, of Gower,

had just won the commission to carve a war memorial dedicated to the forgotten heroes of Barry, which lost more merchant seamen than any other British port during the two world wars. He created his winning

design, depicting lifesize seamen, coils of rope, a liberty ship and a globe while sailing on the Maria Asumpta in 1994. His first cheque, for £8,000, and the sketch plans sank with the vessel He was at the bow of the Maria Asumpta when she

heaved violently, breaking his left forearm, tearing ligaments in his right elbow and badly damaging his right shoulder. "I do remember being about 10ft under water, hold-

Philip Chatfield with his monument to sailors who died during two world wars sea and the ship coming in to crush me. I thought that was it and accepted death. I could have just let go with my left hand and touched the side of the ship. She didn't come in. The sucking away of the water was phenomenal but I held on. Then I was exposed.

rockhopping." Mr Chatfield's trauma has helped him to understand the grief lingering in Barry, a small town where almost every home lost a loved one at sea during the

His next project is to carve the marble memorial for the Maria Asumpta in Padstow.

ghost of the ship for me." ☐ The case against Mark Litchfield, 55, of Boxley, Kent, the skipper charged with manslaughter of three crew who died when the Maria Asumpta was wrecked, has been adjourned until May 31 by Bodmin magistrates.

"I am hoping that will lay the

Marriages Dinners

Furniture Makers Company

Painter-Stainers'. Upholders' and Turners Companies and the Prime Warden of the

Basketmakers' Company were

The Royal Society and the

Foundation for Science and

Lord Butterworth, Chairman of

the Council of the Foundation for

Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion

Force Club Dining Society held last night at 128 Piccadilly. Wing

Commander W.A. Beaumonic, president of the society, presided.

Air Commodore H.A. Probert also

Professor Sir Frederick Crawford

was the principal speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Lord Walton of

Detchant was in the chair.

Anniversaries

among those present.

Technology

were the sneakers.

RAF Club

Athenacum

HUW EVANS

Dr L.J. Howes. FRCA. and Miss G.J. Scott The Lord Mayor, accompanied by

The marriage took place on Satthe Sheriffs, attended a dinner of the Furniture Makers' Company urday. May II, 1996, at the Church held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Hugh Joscelyne. Mas-ter. presided. The Lord Mayor of St John the Evangelist. Slimbridge. Gloucestershire. between Jonathan, youngest son of presented the Claxton Stevens Dr and Mrs P. Howes, of Prize to Mr Richard Williams for Waresley, Cambridgeshire, and the most outstanding piece of furniture submitted to the Craft Gaynor, second daughter of Mr Guild Mark jury in 1995. Mr Edward Brett, Senior Warden, and and Mrs G. Scott, of Slimbridge. Mr Richard Wigdahl was best the Bishop of Bedford also spoke. The Masters of the Carpenters'

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Dr F. Zaniewski and Miss R.M. Eisdon

The marriage took place on Saturday May II. 1996, at St Laurence's Church, Downton, Wiltshire, between Dr Franek Zaniewski and Miss Rosemary Eisdon. MBE. held with the Royal Society last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace. Sir Ron Dearing, Professor Alan Smithers and Dr Michael Young

marriages

Mr N. Gray and Miss A.J. Brown Lord Quinton was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Royal Air Geoffrey and Valerie Brown, of Blackheath, London, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to Mr Nick Gray, of Biddenden, Kent.

Mr G.R.D. Lamming

The engagement is announced between Guy, younger son of the late Mr Clive Lamming and of Mrs Phyllis Lamming, of Rich-mond, Surrey, and Candida, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Morley, of Priston, Bath.

Luncheon

BIRTHS: Thomas Gainsburough, painter, Sudbury, Suffolk, 1727; Robert Owen, social reformer. Newtown, Powys, 1771: Otto Klemperer, conductor, Breslau, Germany, 1885; Eric Morecambe, comedian. Morecambe. 1926: Bobby Darin, singer, songwriter and actor, New York City, 1936. DEATHS: Georg Ernsi Stahl. chemist, Berlin. 1734; August Strindberg, dramatist, Stockholm. 1912: Sir Rider Haggard, novelist. London, 1925: Edmund Allenby. Ist Viscount Allenby of Megiddo, Field Marshal, Southwell, Not-

tinghamshire, 1936. The victory of the English barons over King Henry III at the Battle of Lewes, 1264. Edward Jenner carried out the first successful vaccination against

smallpox, 1796. The independent state of Israel was proclaimed, 1948.

Forthcoming

and Miss C.E. Morley

Baroness Elles was the sponsor at a fundraising luncheon held yes-terday at the House of Lords for the Greater London Fund for the

Birthdays today

Miss Francesca Annis, actress, 51: Mr David Ashby, MP, 56; Mr Richard Balfe, MEP, 52; Mr Has-tings Banda, Life President of Malawi, 91; Mr Chay Blyth, yachtsman, 56; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Buchanan, 71: Mr Denis

Sir David Cooksey, chairman, Local Government Commission for England, 56; Mr Phil Drabble, broadcaster, 82; Sir Owen Green, former chairman, BTR, 71; Baroness Hogg, former head of the Prime Minister's policy unit, 50; Mr R. D. C. Hubbard, chairman, Powell Duffryn. 60; Mr G. R. Lister, chief executive, Bradford and Bingley Building Society, 59; Mr George Lucas, film director and producer, 52; Lord McAlpine of West Green, 54; Mr Martin Mogg, former Governor, Durham prison, 55; Mr Edward Newman. MEP, 43.

Canon John Oates, rector. St Bride's, Fleet Street, 66: Miss Sian ps. actress. oz Rhodes, diplomat. 71: Sir Adam Ridley, executive director. Hambros Bank, 54; Sir Leslie Sharp, former Chief Constable Strath civde, 60; Mr Anthony Stoller, chief executive. Radio Authority 49: Mrs Patricia Turner, trade unionist, 69; Judge Adrianne

Requiem Mass

I scrambled up and ran,

Mr Peter Stemp, Mr Kenneth Faircloth (also representing the AA Foundation for Road Safety Research) and Mrs Faircioth other past and present and many member of staff.

Viscount and Viscoutess Slim, Lord Brabazon of Tara, Lord Brougham and Vaux, Lord Mowbray and Stourton, Lord and Lady Filkington, Baroness Stedman, Lord and Lady Strathcarron, Lord Wal-(Coopers and Lybrand), the Hon John Donovan, the Hon Charles Martyn-Hemphill, the Hon Simon Orr-Ewing, the Hon Celia Pilkington, the Hon Mrs Rowcliffe, the Hon Mrs Appleyard-List,

ady Brown, Sir Peter Bonfield (BT), and Lady Bonfield, Sir Peter and Lady Cazalet, Lady Scott, Sir Patrick and Lady Sheehy, Sir Thomas Risk, Sir Kenneth Carlisie, MP, Councillor Kevin Gardner and Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Mr Nicholas and Lady Bridget Oppenheim.

Dykes, MP, Mr Jain Mills, MP, Mr Steven Norris, MP, Mr Richard Tracey. MP, Mr Gary Waller. MP, the Mayor and Mayoress of Basingstoke and Deane, the Mayor and Mayoress of Richmond, Judge and Mrs David Smith.

Mr Geoffrey Adkinson (Motor and Allied Trades Benevolent Fund), Mrs Adele Biss (British Tourist Authority).

Mrs Morag Barton (Brooklands Mu-seum Trust), Brigadier David Canter-bury (representing the founder of the Montagu Motor Car Museum), Mr John Bridgeman (Office of Fair Trading), Mr Christopher Bullock (Institute of Advanced Motorists), Mr Nigel Clarke (Institute of Management) and Mrs Clarke, Mr Brian Colley (Road Haulage Association), Mr Christopher Gorringe (All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet

The Assistant Chief Constable of the Thames Valley Police, Mr Neil Johnson (RAC), Mr Roger King (Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders), Mr Derek Lindop (Retail Motor Industry Federation). Mr Jeremy Logie (British Hospitality Association), Mr George McCulloch (Royal Scottish Automobile Cluh). Mr Max Mosley (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile). Mr Paul Nouwen

(Alliance Internationale de Tourisme). Mr Ken Rogers (Guild of Motoring Writers), the Master of the Company of Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' and other members of the livery. Mr. lim Stevenson (British Cemen

Association). Mr Bill Threlfall (Hurlingham Club) and Mrs Trelfall, Mr Roy Ward (Institute of the Motor Industry), Mr Trevor Watson (Caravan Club), the Chief Constable of Surrey and Chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers' Traffic Committee, and Mrs Williams, Mr John Wootton (Transport Research Laboratory).

Mr Jack Parker (Institution of Highways and Transportation). Mr Paul Everitt (British Road Federation) other representatives from commerce and in-dustry in the United Kingdom and

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Andrew, a daughter, Annie
Rose Elizabeth, a sister for
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DEATHS EMMALS - On May 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Tina Portland Hospital, to Tina Gaudoln and Ford, a wonderful son. Ethan William Ford, a friend to BOSTOCK - Joan H.D. Bostock M.B.E. suddenly in Leipzig on a missic four beloved younger sister of Biddy and dear aunt to Josephine and Jame. Cremation at Poincy Vale on Friday 17th May at 1.45 pm and afterwards at the Hurtingham Citch. Donations in Ben of flowers to the Save the Calidren Fund. Mary Datchetor House. 17 Grove Lane, London SES SSP. Memorial Service at a date to be announced. She fived to serve others.

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4th, to Satrier (née Clarke)
and John, a son, James
Patrick John, a brother for
Eleanor Rose. HOLMES - On May 1st 1996. To Nicole (by Harvey) and Mark. a daughter, Lydia

HUMPHREYS - On May 11th at The Portland Hospital to Michelle (nee Klein) and a sister for Classifia. LARYON - On May 8th, to Bridget (née Cheyne) and Richard, a son, Oliver James. a brother for Frances. William and Alexandra. MAKOWER - On May 9th, to Imagen and William, a daughter, Clementine Anna.

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CARR - William of Bridge.
Carler-bury, suddenly on 7th
May aged 69 years. Meet
dearly loved husband of
Thea and warm friend of
many. Funeral on Tuesday
21st May at 2.15 pm at St
Peter's Church. Bridge,
followed by committed at
Bartham Crematorium.
Family flowers only please.
Donations to British Heart
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CLEVERLEY - On May 10th
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100th year. Retired Dentid
Surpeon, Beloved husband of
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let: 01203 225343. MEWBERY - On May 1st 1996 to Jenny (nee Robinson) and Mark, another MEGAN - On May 12th 1996, to Boatta (see O'Sullivan) and Andrew, a son, Francis Niell. ROUNCE - On 11th May, to Catherine (née Ward) and Jonathan, a son, George

DEATHS EDMONDS - Peacefully at home on May 10th 1996. Donald James, Dearly loved mathems of Dorothy, much loved father and grandfather. Solicitor and Freeman of the Borough of Hove. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thambagiving at St Many's Parish Church, West Chillington on Friday May 17th at 11.45 am. Pamily Howers only please. Donations if desired to The Many How Trust. C/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 21 West Street. Stortington, RH20 4DZ, bit (01903) 742585.

GHEERT - Anthony James (Tony) of Coppenhall. Stafford. on May 12th in hospital. much loved humbend of Rith and dear father of James and daughter-in-law Sandra. Funeral at St Michael's. Penkridge. On Thursday 16th May at 12.15 pm. Donations instead of Rovery to St Lawrence Church. Coppenhall or the Incorporated Benevolent Fund of the LEE.

GIRDWOOD - Nancy Elizabeth (Dickle). On May 13th 1996 atter a short illness. Beloved mother of Libby and Jules, much loved grandmother of Alice and Toby. Funeral Service on Friday 17th May 1996 11,45am at Putney Vale Cemetery. BIRDWOOD -

HORAM - Forbes Trevor pancefully at Cowley Manor Numbe Home on May 11th aged 90 years. Grateful thanks to the staff at Cowley Manor. Funeral Service & Tewiselbury Abbey 11.50ms. Fridny May 17th. No flowers please. Donations to Tewiselbury Abbey Appeal Fund may be ested. O Manon. & Stokes, 54 Hewielt Road. Challenburn, GLE2 GAH.

HITKLEY-EVASES - Cyrtl on 10th May aged 77 of Gunand, LO.W., formatly of Littlehampton, Enquiries F.L. Lloyd Funeral Directors. Cowes, lel: (01983) 293716

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Nnamdi Azikiwe, the first President of Nigeria and one of the earliest leaders of the nationalist movement in West Africa, died on May II aged 91. He was born on November 16.

FOR MANY years Nnamdi Azikiwe pointed the way towards independence, exerting great influence as a newspaper editor and as the founder and leader of one of Nigeria's major political parties. He thought nationally at a time when Nigeria was still a collection of regions rather than a nation. When independence eventually came in 1960, however, Azikiwe, who had refused office as a federal minister, preferring the post of President of the Senate, was already a father figure. A month after independence he became the country's first indigenous Governor-General and, when Nigeria became a republic three years after independence. Azikiwe was chosen as its first President.

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He was a man of strong views, pungently expressed, aptly described by Dame Margery Perham in a broadcast in 1965 as a "strange, brilliant, protean character from the Ibo forests". Azikiwe was the son of a clerk in the Nigeria Regiment. Although the family were Ibos from Onitsha, Azikiwe Senior was working in Zunguru, in Northern Nigeria, as a clerk on Lugard's staff, when his son was born. As a child, therefore, the young Azikiwe spoke Hausa. At the age of eight he was sent to Onitsha where he learnt Ibo. Later, as a student in Lagos, he became fluent in Yoruba, the other principal language of Nigeria, and many vears later, as head of state, this command of the three languages was to be a most valuable asset.

The young Benjamin Azikiwe - who later changed his name to Nnamdi attended Roman Catholic and Anglican primary schools in Onitsha and the Wesleyan Boys' High School, Lagos. He then continued his studies at the Hope Waddall Training Institute in Calbar. Among the influences which inspired him in his student days were. by his own account, Marcus Garvey and his Black Zionism, and the Rev Dr J. E. K. Aggrey.

After a short period as a Civil Service clerk in Lagos. Azikiwe went to the United States in 1925 with the help of £300 which his father had saved for him. There, at the age of 21, he entered Storer College, in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, where he was nicknamed "Zik" by his fellow students. It was a name which stuck even when he was President.

His early years in America were difficult and at one point he attempted suicide. To pay his way through college he did a variety of menial jobs, working as a miner, porter, dishwasher and professional boxer. He matriculated at Howard University in Washington but lack of

money caused him to move to Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. At Lincoln he obtained an MA in political science. From the University of Pennsylvania he obtained an MSe in anthropology. He was also the holder of the certificate in journalism of the Teachers' College, Columbia University, and in 1930 edited the Columbia University Summer Session Times.

During a seminar at Pennsylvania, Azikiwe impressed Professor Malinowski of the London School of Economics, present as a visitor, and at his suggestion later became a Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute - an interesting comparison with another African leader. Jomo Kenyatta, to whose book Facing Mount Kenya Malinowski contributed a foreword.

On his way back from the United States Azikiwe visited Britain, and in 1934 applied to compete, for Nigeria, in the British Empire Games, following a successful career in American college athletics. He was barred from the competition after protests from the South African team, and, shocked by this example of colour prejudice, he decided to give up his name Benjamin, changing it legally to Nnamdi. In later years he became president of the Nigerian Amateur Athletic Association. In 1938, writing in his paper, the West African Pilot, Azikiwe claimed that from athletics he had learnt to suffer in silence. "I have always looked at most of my life's problems as problems which confront a miler in a mile race."

With his American degree behind him, Azikiwe applied for jobs in the education departments of four colonies. Neither there, nor in Liberia, Ethiopia or Turkey, was he successful, and in 1934 he moved to Accra to edit a new paper, the African Morning Post. Three years later he was convicted of sedition for an article printed in his paper. The conviction was reversed on appeal, and Azikiwe moved to Lagos, where he founded his own paper, the West African Pilot. Its motto was: "Show the light and the people will find the way." Azikiwe brought to West Africa the techniques of modern journalism which he had learnt in the United States. The Pilot, and an associated chain of provincial dailies, were a potent force in Nigerian politics.

In 1944 Azikiwe was one of the founders of the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons (when the Southern Cameroons became part of the Federal Republic of Cameroon the NCNC, though keeping the same initials, changed its name to National Convention of Nigerian Citizens). He was its general secretary until 1946, when he became president of the party on the death of Herbert Macaulay. His aim was independence and the

creation of a sense of nationhood. In spite duced a serious conflict between the of his personal wealth and business

NNAMDI AZIKIWE



success, his was an appeal to the masses. In practice, however, the NCNC drew its main strength from Iboland, and it increasingly became the party of Eastern Nigeria - regional, like the other political parties of Nigeria. Azikiwe himself, after a short period in the Western Nigeria Legislature, was Premier of the East from 1954 to 1959, relinquishing the post to Dr Michael Okpara when he moved to the Senate. As Governor-General and President, he naturally had to give up active leadership of the NCNC.

It was not easy for Azikiwe, as a former political leader, to play the behind-thescenes role which his position as Governor-General and later as President demanded. Although he remained an influential figure in the East, however, he performed his new duties with impartialirv. considerable flair and a real feeling for the unity of Nigeria.

The election of December 1964 pro-

Northern People's Congress and the NCNC, which boycotted the polling booths. Azikiwe's sympathies, it was clear, lay with the NCNC and the East in a dispute that threatened to break the federation. For a day or so Nigeria's future hung in the balance. It was widely known that the President had prepared a broadcast to the people. In the event, his sense of constitutional propriety prevailed, and he called on Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa of the NPC once again to form a government. Of all Azikiwe's services to Nigeria, this action in 1964 may be judged by historians to be the

But the political situation did not improve - although Zik continued as President and his party remained in the Federal Coalition Government. The disaffection of the NCNC increased. In the Western Region election of October 1965, the NCNC, as part of the United Progressive Grand Alliance fought open-

ly on the side of the opposition Action Group. As it lost in what was widely thought to have been a rigged election, the region descended into violence, Azikiwe left the country on a long tour, part vacation, part medical leave, part expression of concern and apprehension. Thus he was out of the country when the coup of January 15, 1966, unseated him, ushering in a period of military rule and civil war. Although Zik was never again to hold high office, he was widely suspected of having had some sympathies with the Ibo majors who staged the coup, and the Ibodominated regime of Genral Ironsi which in fact took over, detaining the majors. Although the coup claimed national objectives, the taint of ethnic ambition hung over the Ironsi regime, provoking anti-Ibo riots and massacres, and a counter-coup later in the year. In all this Zik, with his distaste for violence, lay very

low. The regime in Eastern Nigeria of

Colonel Ojukwu occasionally tried to manipulate him but he counselled caution

and was opposed to secession.

It was only after the region broke away from the Nigerian federation in May 1967 under the name of Biafra that it was possible to mobilise Zik, somewhat reluctantly, to speak out for the secessionist cause. Although later he said he never really meant it, the Biafrans were able to use his considerable international prestige and contacts to help to secure recognition for the secessionist state. He was among those whose influence counted in persuading President Nyerere of Tanzania and President Kaunda of Zambia into recognition, as well as, bizarrely, President Duvalier of Haiti. It was clear that Zik had little stomach for such activity, however, and he was in the group which met in Paris in September 1968 and which unsuccessfully sent a message to Ojukwu advising him to embark on serious negotiations with Lagos to end the war, after the French had told them there were limits to what they would do for

This enraged Oiukwu and no more was heard of the group. In July the next year Azikiwe was spotted passing through Lagos airport en route to Liberia and was persuaded to go and meet General Gowon, who persuaded him to stay. Although uncomfortable at being used as propaganda weapon, his conversion was real enough, a clear indication of the way the wind was blowing. Indeed, it is hard to imagine that he had ever considered himself as anything but a

Because of the great sentimental support he still retained among the Ibos. Zik's defection was one more nail in Biafra's coffin. Once the war was over, he faded into the political background, and for eight years lived in his adopted home town of Nsukka, occasionally travelling. keeping his political contacts up. There was uncertainty, however, as to whether he would really take up the political cudgels again, in spite of the planned return to civilian rule of the late 1970s.

There are those who say it was only on learning that his old antagonist Chief Obalemi Awolowo (whom Zik blamed for splitting the nationalist movement in the early 1950s) was definitely running for the presidency that Zik decided to come out of retirement. He did so with the help of a young Ibo businessman called Jim Nwobodo, who managed to inject Zik into the leadership of one of the newly formed political parties, the Nigerian People's Party (NPP). Although some of the NPP's northern support split off. Zik's own political renaissance at the age of 74 ensured the party's base in the two states, Anambra and Imo, which, since 1976 made up the Ibo heartland. Nonetheless, in 1979 he reached only third place, well behind Shagari, who became President, and Awolowo. Echoing the action of 20 years before, the NPP went into coalition with the ruling NPN, and the old cycle of Nigerian politics seemed to recommence. This time, however, Zik took no offence.

In 1983, with an alliance between him and Awolowo's party again in the offing. because of discontents at being a junior and impotent partner in the coalition, there seemed to be a real chance of Zik giving up the struggle in favour of Awolowo, who was as determined as ever to become President. After a moving exchange of letters ("Dear Zik", "Dear Awo") between the two Grand Old Men of Nigerian politics, which set out their intertwined political histories, the siren call of politics seems once more to have overcome him. Some said it was pressure from his Ibo supporters, who still saw him as the best vote-winner they had: some said it was the thought that Awo might actually become President this time. Although one politician rather unfairly described Zik's political career as having been "consistently inconsistent". he had always been consistent in one thing — stopping Awolowo. Once again, he came a poor third in the 1983 elections, and left the political arena altogether. When Awolowo died in 1986, Zik was genuinely moved at not just the passing of an old enemy but of one of the great figures of southern Nigeria.

In his long retirement Zik enjoyed one diversion. In November 1989, thanks to the misplaced zeal of The Daily Telegraph, he became one of the few public figures able to read his own obituary. The reaction of this former journalist was not, though, a particularly charitable one. "I feel ashamed," he said, to belong to a profession that could make that kind of blunder." It was a proof perhaps that even in old age he had not

lost his capacity to sting.

Nnamdi Azikiwe is survived by his wife and children.

JOAN THIRKETTLE

Joan Thirkettle, ITN cancer on May II aged 48. She was born on September 14, 1947.

JOAN THIRKETTLE was a general reporter for ITN for 22 years, latterly specialising in law reporting. For many television viewers she will be remembered simply as the woman with windswept hair, who stood sentinel outside countless courtroom buildings for News at Ten. But to fellow journalists, she was the consummate professional work- to rise to the most nightmarish

A naturally modest and private woman, Joan Thirkettle never let her own oersonality intrude between the viewer and the story she was reporting. Nor did the question of being female ever cloud her judgment on what sort of story she should cover. She was a general reporter who had her specialities without being a specialist, and who enjoyed the challenge of making herself mistress of a subject in a few hours. Her ability

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Thirkettle had the useful ability to gain the confidence of people who, for whatever reason, did not normally like to be interviewed. For instance, in 1990 she pulled off a rare interview with Salman Rushdie - a feat in those days when the writer was not often seen in public. The dressmaking Emanuels talked to her in 1981, at the time of the Royal Wedding, when seemingly half the country was consumed with curiosity about the design of Lady Diana

As an interviewer, Joan Spencer's wedding dress. Later she talked to the Prince of Wales about his village in Dorset - Poundbury - and in 1990 interviewed Norma Major, who was then very reluctant to step into the limelight as the new Prime Minister's wife.

One of her great strengths was her total lack of vanity. Reporters are not often on camera for more than 15 seconds during a report, and there was not time. in Joan Thirkettle's opinion, for the public to notice particularly what they were wearing. Besides which, she preferred to stay out of sight wherever possible: "I'm not important at all. The story is what's important and the pictures that tell

Richard Branson knew her

professionally for years. He first met her when he was selling records, and when she was briefly working as a talent spotter for Ready Steady Go. Later their daughters attended the same school. She reported on his attempts to break the speed record for crossing the Atlantic - she was there on the Isles of Scilly when the first Challenger sank beneath the waves some miles short of its objective in 1985. Five years later she was one of the group of reporters who waited patiently with him in Japan for the favourable weather conditions needed to cross the Pacific in a hot-air balloon. Branson was amused to surprise her, one day shortly efore take-off, in the process of brushing down his advance obituary notice.

Joan Elizabeth Thirkettle



never wanted to be anything but a journalist. Educated locally at Bexleyheath she took an external degree in English Literature from London University. At the same time, she was taken on as a trainee researcher with Associated-Rediffusion. She followed this with a stint on the Daily Mail and in 1969 joined The Sunday Times as a property correspondent and business writer. She reported for BBC Radio and British Forces Broadcasting during the early 1970s, and in 1973 became a founder

member of London Broadcasting Company. There she produced the station's two-hour lunchtime news magazine

programme. She joined ITN in 1974 and remained with it for the rest of her professional life, covering around 1,500 stories over her two decades for News at Ten, at the rate of roughly one or two a week. Carol Barnes started there at about the same time as her (they had also worked together at LBC). Joan Thirkettle was one of the only women of her generation there

to make a conscious decision stick to genera reporting. There were two sides to her

as a reporter -- terrier-like and rational in her investigative skills, compassionate by nature - and this was reflected in her choice of stories. She reported sensitively on the famine in Ethiopia in the mid-1980s; and in 1987 she uncovered the story of Stephen Wilshire, an autistic boy with remarkable artistic talents. It was she who persuaded her producers to let her take him to New York, and to explore his abilities in more depth. Stephen Wilshire astounded observers there by executing a set of detailed sketches of Manhattan skyscrapers from memory.

But more recently she specialised on the labyrinthine complexities of criminal law and appeals. Her last onscreen report was in February this year. She had been ill with cancer for six months.

Joan Thirkettle had some unexpected interests outside news reporting. She occasionally presented music programmes for Classic FM, wrote short stories and studied natural history. She lived in that part of Camden Town in north London which is densely populated with writ-

Her marriage to Jonathon Wallace - grandson of the thriller writer Edgar Wallace — ended in divorce in 1986. Thereafter she juggled professional commitments with the demands of single parenthood. She is survived by her son and daughter.

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MR CHURCHILL MEETS THE HOUSE

The House of Commons met yesterday to greet the new Government, and showed by the ring in its cheers both for the incoming Prime Minister and for his predecessor that it was well satisfied with the rapid completion of a front uniting all parties. It had only one duty to perform, and Mr Churchill's brief speech, calling it to that duty, was in every way worthy of a war leader.

Just as Garibaldi in his darkest hour offered his followers only "hunger. thirst, forced marches, battles and death," and found men willing to suffer these things in order that tyranny should perish, so Mr Churchill yesterday offered the nation only "blood, toil and tears" until the same high purpose is achieved; and he, too, will inspire a whole nation to sustain and support him

in the struggle. Again, just as Clemenceau in the darkest hour of the last war gave France new resolve with the phrase which rang

ON THIS DAY

May 14, 1940

A leading article drew parallels from history and underlined with figures the strength of Churchill's all-party support.

through Parliament and the nation: "Je fais la guerre," so Mr Churchill yesterday defined the spirit of his Government in the single phrase "to wage war". With that spirit no one can doubt that Government and nation will achieve

The degree to which the nation is behind the Government was shown in more than the vote of 381 to nil by which the House of Commons endorsed its formation yesterday, and by more than the utterances of every responsible

member during the debate. At the Labour Party conference the action of Labour leaders in joining the Government was endorsed by 2,413,000 votes to 170,000, and Mr Attlee has therefore received in the fullest measure the mandate for which he asked. Undoubtedly the nation is happier and stronger now that its leaders of every party have agreed to share in the responsibility for the conduct of the war, and as much credit is due to those who have uncomplainingly accepted a smaller share of responsibility as to those who have accepted their full share for the first time.

One word of warning, uttered by the Prime Minister yesterday, may be underlined. "We have before us," he said, "an ordeal of the most grievous kind." A battle on the scale now engaged cannot be expected to pursue from first to last a course which will earn the Government applause. It is not applause which either they or the men in the thick of the battle want. It is unwavering and unfaltering endurance both in good times and in bad.

hen President Chirac arrives today, he will have a pleasant surprise. Britain is one of the few countries where the French leader's honeymoon has already lasted a year, and shows no sign of going sour. Indeed Britain is currently in the middle of a periodic infatuation with all things French. Not only is Eric Cantona Britain's favourite footballer; but an enthusiasm for its new President has replaced years of suspicion when François

Mitterrand was in the Elysée.

The change is partly personal and partly political. Jacques Chirac was immediately perceived here as an Anglophile. He speaks English; he has a bluff, hearty manner; he seemed to find the alliance with Germany too suffocating and wanted to do more business with Britain.

Some of these perceptions are true; others are wishful thinking.

A honeymoon that has lasted a year

For the fact is that John Major desperately needed a new friend in Europe, and Chirac seemed to be the answer. Mr Major wanted to show his critics that his middleof-the-road view of Europe was gaining ground abroad. M Chirac, he believed, was a fellow conservative who shared the Gaullist conception - now so popular in Britain - of a Europe des patries. Here was a man who was more pro-American than any previous French leader, who was determined to take France back into Nato, who chose the British model for his proposed reform of French defence and who had the courage to attempt the radical social restructuring that Margaret

ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS

Anglo-French relations had been in need of repair. The Mitterrand years, when France was leading the push for a more closely integrated Europe, were the low point: Margaret Thatcher, angered at being patronised by President Giscard, had little time for the incoming Socialist President and increasingly saw the Paris-Bonn axis as inimical to British interests. She believed Paris was the main basis of support for Jacques Delors, then European Commission President, and was the driving force behind giving greater power to Brussels.

She was intensely suspicious of M

Mitterrand's socialism, personality and intentions. France, Britain believed, was intent on reducing American influence in Europe, belittling the effectiveness of Nato and pursuing its own

national interest abroad.

France, in turn, saw Mrs
Thatcher as a strident English
nationalist determined to undermine French trade and economic
policies, wreck the common agricultural policy and halt all EU
attempts at political integration.
The nadir of trust came when M

The radir of trust came when M Mitterrand paid a state visit a decade ago and some of his security guards were accused of

trying to smuggle arms into Britain — an attempt played down by the embarrassed French as a way of testing British security.

Some of the suspicion of M

Mitterrand lingered after Mr Major came to power, though increasing military co-operation in Bosnia and the reunification of Germany brought London and Paris closer. There were shared concerns about German policy.

The atmosophere improved on M Chirac's election. Mr Major hoped that his overt support for French nuclear testing would win political points in Paris, and France in return would come to

Britain's aid in the crucial debates on the Maastricht Two treaty. Britain does not want to be isolated again. Although it disagrees with Paris on monetary union, there are areas where the two are close the primacy of the Council of Ministers, the need for a more effective common foreign policy, the wish to limit the powers of the Brussels Commission and the European Parliament.

But M Chirac has found that France's interests are, inevitably, tied to Germany. There is no sign that France is taking a more "sceptical" view of Europe or that it is ready to support Mr Major in the inter-governmental conference. Nevertheless, relations are excellent with regard to defence.

Bosnia has brought the two closer together. It led to a new respect for each other's Armed Forces and a co-ordination of their UN roles. Shielded from publicity, the Bilateral Commission, set up in 1992 has brought Europe's two nuclear powers together not only in defence concepts but in such vital matters as targeting strategy.

or Mr Major, this co-operation is an important sign
that not all relationships in
Europe have to go through Brussels. That is why Britain moved
swiftly to invite M Chirac on a
state visit where, in London, he
will celebrate his first year in
office. Parliament will listen to
him with respect and the Queen
will be the first to offer
congratulations.

MICHAEL BINYON
Diplomatic Editor

The bulldozer gains ground

PROFILE OF THE PRESIDENT

he strikes, bombs, international outrage over nuclear testing. flailing franc, laggard economy and dwindling opinion polls that marked M Chirae's first few months as President of France would have browbeaten a less confident man. But, as befits his nickname "Le Bulldoz-

resident has joited over the bumps, emerging in better shape than many would have predicted.

A year after his election, M Chirac can

raise perhaps two

cheers: the franc is stronger, his popularity is rising and the nuclear fracas and last summer's terrorist bombing campaign are fading from memory.

Even his toughest critics are forced to admit that M Chirac has grown into the job. "Suddenly Chirac feels himself to be President," observed the left-leaning Libération news-

paper. The entente between Britain and France is more cordiale than it has been for years, thanks in part to what M Chirac's advisers say is the President's "special affection"

for Britain.

The impetuosity that marked M Chirac's first few months in office has given way to a

'Even his toughest critics are forced to admit that Jacques Chirac has grown into the job'

more considered approach, while the campaign platform that seemed to offer all things to all men has been drastically streamlined.

Critics, including many within the ruling coalition, believed that M Chirac's decision to advertise the resumption of nuclear testing so far in

advance made his Government a sitting target.

M Chirac came to power promising to cut taxes, reduce unemployment and mend France's "social fabric". For the first few months, the Government appeared almost paralysed by the contradictions of its campaign pledges, but last October the

but last October the crunch came when M Chirac gravely announced that fiscal austerity was the order of the day. The rest, he implied, would have to wait.

While Alain Juppé

was taking the flak for the programme to cut social security spending (much of which had to be jettisoned). M Chirac kept a low profile.

The Elysée has made good use of the Chirac style — informal, loquacious and charming — by ensuring that key statements are made directly to the nation, either through articles written by M



An old hand at marketing: the Elysée has made good use of the Chirac style — informal, loquacious and charming

Chirac in the French press or on television.

Where the late François Minerrand appeared an aloof figure. M Chirac has the knack of seeming both dignified and personable. His address to the nation after the death of his predecessor and

long-time rival was regarded as a tour de force.

Thanks partly to a concerted effort to get the President into the countryside, "La France profonde", M Chirac's popularity ratings have begun to climb in recent months. But the latest polls reveal a telling

paradox: most voters find their President likeable and capable, but remain dubious of his policies. As his opponents are quick to point out, so far from falling, taxes and unemployment have risen during his

first year.

By pursuing a high-profile

and fiercely independent foreign policy, M Chirac is treading, self-consciously, in the footsteps of General de Gaulle. The President's unilateral approach to the Bosnia conflict, his selective approach to the Schengen open-borders agreement and French diplomacy in the Middle East have not always won the plaudits of France's allies, but such initiatives are clearly intended to show that, in the words of a senior adviser, "France is back"

is personal standing is gradually improving, yet M Chirac is not yet out of the woods. The Government's determination to meet the criteria for a single European currency by slashing France's deficits to 3 per cent of GDP by next year remains a tantalisingly distant target. Last week, in an article in Le Monde, M Chirac gave warning that further belt-tightening would be necessary.

Today the objective is clear.

Today the objective is clear: to reduce further public spending, since this is the only way to cut taxes from 1997 without making deficits larger." he wrote, adding that "the European Union must have a real identity, a single currency and a common policy on trade, foreign affairs and security."

There are obstacles ahead, not least the prospect of legislative elections in two years, but there is no sign that "Le Buildozer" is running out of steam as he embarks on the second year of his seven-year term. "I have the will," he said recently, showing some of the steel beneath a velvety exterior. "But I also have the time."

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Pierre Cardin on the balcony of his office in Paris, hub of his empire, overlooking the presidential Elysée Palace

retailers, Pierre Cardin lives above the shop. The only difference is that his home overlooks the French President's palace, and the business downstairs has a turnover of more than a El billion a year.

Cardin is the French label that ate the world. Long before the politicians across the road in the Elysée Palace realised that the Iron Curtain was becoming rusty, and the Chinese economically frisky. Cardin was already selling fashion where governments feared to tread.

He has been in China for 20 years and has a hundred shops there - ironic, really. because it was Cardin who made the Mao jacket trendy

With the Internet, designs can be copied within hours'

on the fashion catwalks years

"I've been here 51 years and I've seen eight Presidents come and go," says Cardin, gesturing across the chestnut trees of the elegant Avenue Marigny to the Elysée. In that time, his empire has gone from designing theatre costumes to a brand name that sells clothes, luggage, hotels, Maxim's restaurants and even own-brand sardines across 146 countries.

At 74, he is now the grand old man of couture, although when he started designing in the 1950s he was seen as the

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enfant terrible. While the haute couturiers were still selling to a tiny A-list of clients. Cardin decided to mass-produce some of his designs and brought pret-d-porter to the

people. "Of course, the Cham-bre Syndicale (the exclusive couturiers' association) threw me out. Then a few years later they realised it worked and were begging me to be an honorary member."

Cardin saw the future long before his rivals, putting world domination before exclusivity. He realised that licensing his name to be used on approved products like perfumes and scarves — there are now nearly 1,000 - would result in extraordinary profits.

Americans, such as Calvin Klein, leapt rather late on the housewares to underwear bandwagon which Cardin set rolling. Ask people in shopping malls in Midwestern America to name a French designer, and polls show

"I can live my life entirely within my empire," says Cardin, without a hint of modesty. "I can sleep on my sheets in my hotel, dine in my restaurant, wear my own clothes, sit on my sofa."

He points to the gold PC logo on the leather sofa in his offices. He is wearing his near-

Pierre Cardin is the most

offices. He is wearing his near-uniform of grey flannels and "Other people may go out to

eat, to hotels, to play golf, but all that is part of my business." He is a workaholic, fond of 12-hour days, including weekends. After the interview he rushes round his workshops and offices, showing off cas-cades of designs, bolts of silk and treasured members of

He leaps up on the windowsill when the photographer asks him to pose for a picture. He ought to be a pensioner but he has the energy level (and the attention span) of a twoyear-old. He is like a bee in his own offices: buzzing, landing, tasting, and buzzing off again. After days of administrative decisions, he dreams his de-

signs at night and keeps a bedside: "It's not work, it's pleasure. It's no different from an artist enjoying and being fulfilled by his painting. Cardin's acknowledged

days of genius were in the 1960s when he brought astronaut-inspired suits onto the catwalk and used new synthetic materials like vinyl in extraordinary bubble minidresses. He dressed, among others, Jackie Kennedy, Bianca Jagger and Marlene

The Victoria and Albert Museum in London held a retrospective of his best designs a few years ago, but the same compliment has not been offered by the Parisians.

"You are not always respected at home, he says. He is respected increasingly as a businessman and less as a designer. There is a Marks & Spencer-like solidity about Cardin creations, no bad thing, but he works in an industry which always wor-

He has, however, received the Legion of Honour, and a dozen fashion awards. He is recognised for maintaining fashion and design as one of France's biggest exports — in fact, so popular was he with the last presidential regime that Mitterrand used to let Cardin take his palace park-ing space. Mme Chirac is a

'Young women have such good bodies that prêtà-porter is fine'

regular at Cardin's private haute couture shows. Cardin no longer allows

photographers or television into his haute couture shows. With the Internet and communications, your designs can be stolen and copied within hours," he says. Instead, he invites a few journalists and about 120 private clients, some of whom are the nouveau riche from Brazil, China and Russia. They still come for the haute couture cut, which can be very forgiving to the mature

Young women nowadays have such good bodies that pret-a-porter is fine for them," says Cardin.

He is not, however, very impressed by his rivals' efforts. He riffles through photographs of his suits from the 1950s which are being ripped off once again: "I see nothing new out there, just recycling. recycling of old ideas — a lot of them mine "

Does self-esteem explain a French woman's mystique?

ver since Coco Chanel launched France's best-selling fragrance, Chaago and Marilyn Monroe later remarked that in bed she wore nothing but the fragrance, French perfume has been the first choice of women the world over. For most, French perfume enjoys an unrivalled

As a Welshman running L'Oréal, the world's largest cosmetics company, Lindsay Owen-Jones is well placed to define the elusive quality that gives the French their international pre-eminence in matters of fragrance, fashion and -

It is, he says, their essential sense of self-esteem. "The French place great value on their health and their appearance. They are prepared to spend more on themselves than the British and they are much more demanding. They want they best they can afford, and fragrances and cosmetics are high on their lists of

French women spend five times as much as British women on body care and twice as much on each visit to their hairdresser. French mothers traditionally introduce their daughters to the secrets and disciplines of make-up, hair care and grooming in a way

that British women seldom do. However, the British are catching up fast in the value they attach to beauty products, says Jean-Jacques Lebel, the managing director of L'Oréal in the UK. The company's British sales - 6 per cent of the world total - have increased by 50 per cent over the past

L'Oréal was founded in 1907 by Eugène Schueller, a French chemist working in Paris, to make hair colouring. It now manufactures and markets such well-known cosmetic brands as Helena Rubinstein, Lancome, Biotherm, Redken and the fragrances of Giorgio Armani, Guy Laroche, Pal-oma Picasso and Ralph Lauren.

Lindsay Owen-Jones, who combines the rugged appearance of a Welsh rugby player with the suave charm of a Jean-Paul Belmondo, joined the company after leaving Oxford and business school in driving around Normandy selling sachets of Dop shampoo to municipal bath houses. RERFUME

He was appointed chairman of the board and chief executive in 1988 and cheerfully boasts that L'Oréal has recorded 11 years of growth, with the April 1996 net earnings figure million). The company prides itself on its research base and fields of hair colourants, skin-

and sun pro-French women Last year it took out 272 new spend five patent registra-tions, developed than we do on body care tive eyes and launched what

the company calls a "revolutionary" nontransferring lipstick, which the risks of illicit liaisons.

Now that perfume is an everday part of most women's lives — according to a recent survey 85 per cent use it and 50 per cent dab or spray it on at

created a booming perfume least once a day - it is strange industry with manufacturers to remember that when Coco frequently bringing out new Chanel created Chanel No 5 it scents in the hope of coming was a radical concept which up with a winner. was to revolutionise the per-But the sweet smell of success can be elusive. Of the fume industry. Its complex formula gave it a mysterious. 100 scents launched last year

indefinable quality, while the addition of formaldehyde provided staying power. Previously, simple floral fragrances had been available. As women

fect - often with less than desired results. In Edmonde Charles-Roux's biography of Coco Chanel one quoted as saying: "The Duc de Mouchy was our nearest neighbour. I always knew when he had walked past on

the pavement, because he left

vourite perfume

and marketing a new product. the past six years has been Lancôme's Tresor, launched in 1990. It has become Europe's second bestselling fragrance. Other new scents tipped to do well are the floral Poeme, also by Lancôme, which was launched last autumn, and

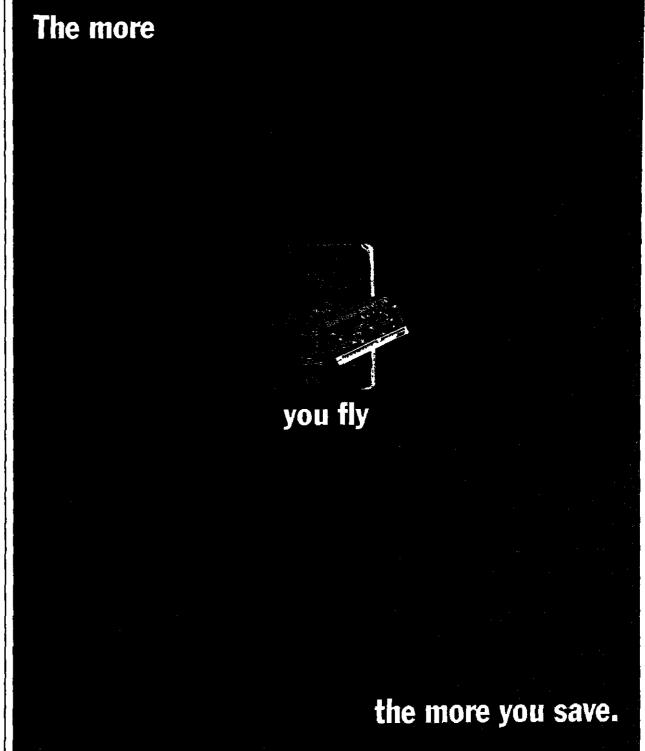
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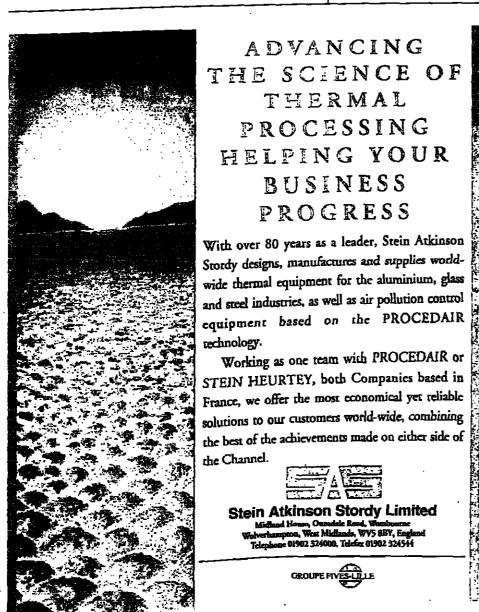
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After 12 months in office President Chirac finds himself fighting the 'feel-bad factor' on both the political and economic fronts

National Front lands a right hook

POLMES

he ruling majority is drawing up its battle plans. The left-wing Opposition is on the offensive. And the ultra-right National Front is threatening to sow panic across the political spectrum.

Twelve months after Jacques Chirac became the French head of state, electoral fever is once more in the air. The legislative elections may be two years away but the main parties are marking out their ground ahead of a poll that will be decisive in shaping France in the 21st century.

Will M Chirac have the legislature of his choice? Or will he have to cohabit with an aggressive Socialist government? And will Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front increase its significant influence? The Gaullist Rassemble-

ment pour la République (RPR) was created in 1976 to back M Chirac's bid to become President. Once its mission was finally accomplished, the movement wondered what it should do next.

For several months last year, it gave every impression of lacking direction and identity. Supporters of Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, called for monetary rigour and commitment to Europe. Partisans of Edouard Balladur, his predecessor and failed presidential candidate, urged tax cuts.

Meanwhile, the RPR's rising star, Philippe Seguin, speaker of the National Assembly, seemed to be on the verge of restarting his antiMaastricht crusade with a call to increase public spending and, hence, public deficits. A series of by-election defeats served to restore order to the movement. The Balla-durians have fallen into line

since the start of the year. Once they criticised M Juppe's controversial proposals to reduce social security spending; now they praise the plan as unavoidable. Where they moaned about the PM's lack of charisma, they now compliment him on his austerity. Even the Euro-sceptics have quietened down. In a party

built around the personality of M Chirac, his conversion to the cause of Euro-enthusiasm have left M Seguin and colleagues with a stark choice. Either they found themselves pushed to the fringe of the

France must expel three million immigrants to cut employment, says Le Pen

> movement or they backed the president. Mindful that if he attacked M Chirac, he de-stroyed his chances of becoming prime minister, M Seguin took the prudent path, arguing that since Maastricht had been ratified it had to be implemented.

> What is at stake in the legislative elections is to give the President the means to fulfil the commitments he made during the election cam-paign," said M Juppé at the



Voice of youth: some Chirac supporters say the Government has let them down

beginning of May. "It is united around his record, united around his project, and united around his choice of men that the majority will go into the

It would be wrong, however, to assume that the Gaullists' problems are over. Far from it. The Socialist Opposition, led by its presidential contender. Lionel Jospin, has also put its divisions aside as it concentrates on the "disappointment" of M Chirac's year in office.
Underlining the gulf

that separated campaign pledges to end France's "social fracture" and the reality of austerity budgets designed to prepare the country for European monetary union, M Jospin has tapped into a rich seam of public frustra-tion. The under-30s, whose

vote was decisive in M Chirac's triumph last May, have been particularly receptive to Socialist claims that the Government has let them down. As a result, the Gauliists are in danger of losing their majority at the elections. More disturbingly, perhaps. M Le Pen has been making similar criticisms of the gov ernment, and reaping similar dividends. His fierce anti-

immigration - and often antiimmigrant — rhetoric brought him 15 per cent of the vote in last year's presidential poll, and since then his standing seems to have increased.

Arguing that France can only hope to cut its unemployment total of three million people if it expels three million immigrants, the National Front is on course to enter the National Assembly, winning about ten seats, according to

ttempting to pull the rug from under M Le Pen's feet, Jean-Louis Debré, the Interior Minister, has ordered expulsions of several planeloads of illegal immigrants. He is considering proposals to tighten immigration laws: an option is to force arrivals from "sen-sitive countries" to give fingerprints at French borders. M Debré argues that his

measures are the only effective way of stemming the ultraright tide. If they fail, traditional politics could be replaced by a more cynical struggle in which M Le Pen has the upper hand, he says. For Europe, that would be profoundly dangerous.



Le Pen: increased standing



ADAM SAGE Jospin: public frustration

Spring offensive starts to beat the depression

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ment is setting the trend with

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just as attractive as Britain for

foreign investors. Jean-Daniel

Tordiman, the Government's

ambassador-at-large responsi-

wo events just north of Paris have raised spirits as the French economy comes out of its winter slump provoked by the widespread strikes last December.

At Saint Denis on the Al motorway, the new Fr2.6 billion (£33 million) Stade de France, principal venue of the 1998 World Soccer Cup, is rapidly taking shape, fed by Fr2 billion worth of new roads and fast Metro lines.

Further north at Charles de Gaulle airport, the American parcels giant, Federal Express, is starting work on a new Frl billion complex, designed to be the main European link in a round-the-world service start-

ing this year.
The sight of cranes on the horizon has created something of a "feel-good" factor after the disappointing end to 1995, when growth slumped to 2.1

The economy and consumer spending, in particular, picked up sharply in the first two months of this year, but has stabilised since. The Government's prediction of 1.5 per cent growth in 1996 is accepted by most independent experts. An upturn is foreseen in the second half of the year, leading to much stronger growth, per-haps in the region of 2.8 per cent, in 1997.

The Government is committed to draconian cuts in public spending of some Fr60 billion, but both President Chirac and Alain Juppe, his Prime Minister, have said that the tax burden will be eased from September. Jean Arthuis, the Economy Minister, is not so sure that this will be possible, but parliamentary elections in 1998 mean that the economy will be stimulated by one means or another.

The Government has managed to bring inflation under control - from 8 per cent last year, it stands at just over 2 per cent at the moment - and has recently cut interest rates.

However, unemployment stands at nearly 12 per cent, or some three million people. This is an explosive issue as many large companies, such as Alcatel Alsthom, the

ble for investment, points to the \$150 billion of foreign ECONOMICS investment in France since the early 1980s with last year's figure, some \$12 billion, high-er for the first time than the amount invested by French firms abroad. Foreign enterprises, with their two million workers, provide a quarter of all manufacturing jobs and are responsible for 30 per cent

of French exports. Britain's \$195 billion of foreign investment over the same period includes reinvested profits, says M Tordjman, who travels around the world drumming up investment through his Invest in France agency, part of the Ministry of Juppė: easing tax burden conomy and Finance.

Whatever the pros and cons telecommuncations giant and makers of the TGV express of the statistical argument. France is certainly up there trains, need to restructure or with Britain as the main downsize in order to return to magnet in Europe. In Febru-The same goes for big state groups such as Air France and French Railways which are ary, the Government removed all investment restrictions, except in the defence sector. This losing huge sums, and France spring it introduced measures Télécom which makes money to make foreign investment even more attractive. These but which must come to terms included the right of foreign with European telecommunications deregulation in little companies to bring in their more than a year.
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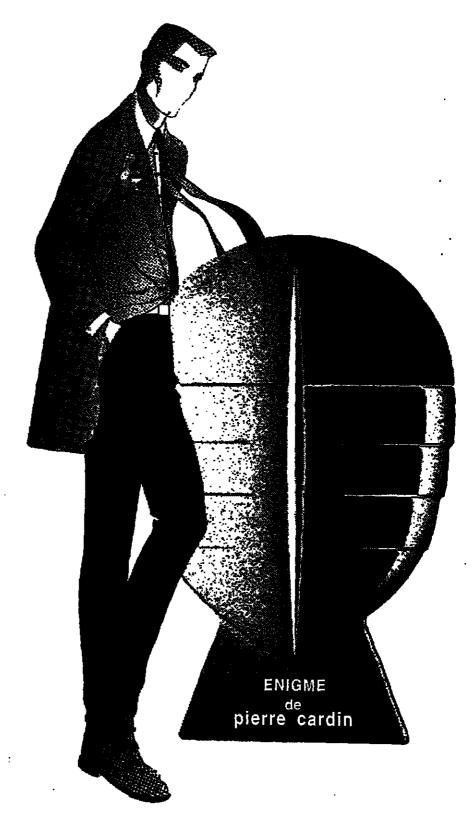
are difficult given the extent of the massive transport workers M Tordjman admits that Britain benefited from French strikes in December, which were motivated by planned reductions of benefits and mistakes on restrictions in the past. "The number of foreign firms arriving here now shows that we have changed." There The main concern for France is what happens next is a lot of activity by Japanese. door in Germany, its principal American and domestic telecommunications firms in motrading partner. Despite Gerbile phones, a market set to many's downturn, the French explode in France. Increasingonce again reported a healthy trade surplus in 1995 of Fr107 billion, some Fr20 billion highly. France's engineers are switching to telecommunications and this large pool of talent has attracted 400 inter-The banking sector is in crisis and mergers and nationals research centres in

the past few years. M Tordiman says some European countries should stop selling Europe short because the attraction of Asia is growing and the region last year outperformed Europe in the foreign investment stakes.

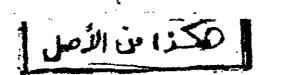
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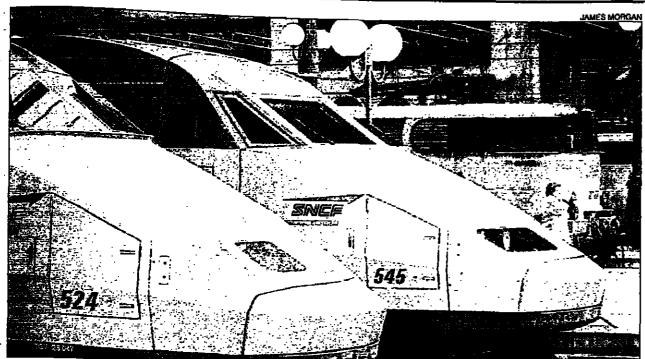
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France's TGV express trains: but Alcatel Alsthom which makes them needs to restructure in order to return to profit

rench industry has entered a period of turbulence accompanied by many doubts and just one certainty: it will not emerge in the same form.

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From aerospace to cars, and from defence to electronics, companies are facing a series of overhauls as they strive to compete with rivals abroad. With a balance of payments that shows a surplus of about Fr30 billion (£3.8 million) some of Europe's biggest firms and a wealth of know-how, the French appear well equipped for the next century.

As industry leaders themselves admit, however, appearances can be deceptive. France's brand of state directive capitalism has left it with an industrial base that is technologically impressive but commercially deficient. Dominique Mars, a Paris-based business analyst, said: "In terms of profitability, France is playing in the second division." The mergers, privat-isations and shake-ups under consideration are designed in large measure to remedy this failing. But many of the reforms are politically inspired by a Gaullist-led administration determined that France should remain a global power.

Aerospatiale is a case in point. With its 38,600 employees and its leading role in the Tolouse-based Airbus consortium, the company has its fingers in many lucrative pies. The maker of Ariane rockets, Exocet missiles, combat heliTurbulent time in industry

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is potentially attractive, al-

though shares are unlikely to

The Government wants to

sell Thomson without splitting

it up but the consequent

asking price, FF40 billion, is a

deterrent. Marcel Roulet, the

former head of France

Télécom appointed to pilot

Thomson's privatisation, has

been asked to draw up plans

by June. He began by sound-ing out potential purchasers

only to be met with lukewarm

Renault once thought it

would be sold into the private

sector long before Thomson,

or AGF, the insurance group

now going through the pro-

floated just under half Re-

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should be a jewel in the French industrial crown.

Instead, it is a headache. The State, which owns 82 per cent of its capital, has been a stultifying partner, bringing in neither funds nor ideas. With losses of Frl billion last year and debts of Frio.5 billion. Aérospatiale is lagging far behind British Aerospace and the German Dasa, and this despite technical expertise on a par with any competitor.

The electronics sector is every bit as complex. Like Aérospatiale, Thomson is a strategic group with a worldwide reputation, and like Aérospatiale, is on the list of state-owned firms destined for privatisation.

Thomson's sell-off has been marked down for this year, however. sparking interest from heavyweights in France and abroad. With its multimety. However, its share price and sales have since fallen. "Renault is on hold," said a government source.

The gloom deepens with the publication of figures showing that in France the combined marker share of Renault and the Peugeot-Citroen group has fallen to about 55 per cent. while Fiat and Volkswagen have been gaining ground. People always find that our cars are 100 expensive," Louis Schwietzer, Renault's chairman, said this month, "but we have to sell very complex and very rich products at mass market prices."

For France's nuclear industry, which supplies 75 per cent of the country's energy needs and exports more than Fr 15 billion worth of electricity a year, the future is clearer. The Government has committed itself to updating the country's 54 nuclear power stations at a cost of between Fr600 billion and Fr100 billion.

France's electricity supply company, EDF, which is soon to take delivery of a new EPR 2000 reactor, is likely to create a special fund to help to pay the tens of billions of francs that it will take to decommission existing nuclear power stations. The financial burden is heavy. But at least EDF knows that the strategies it has followed and the base that it has laid down are not being challenged. The same cannot be said for much of the rest of French industry.

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Pedalling through history

The French take their cycling seriously. The Tour de France is a watched and cheered on by millions as the swift snake of riders winds its way around the country.

A Tour en France along the Loire organised by Explore Worldwide takes an opposite, un-French approach to cy-cling: no yellow jerseys and no entourage of television cameras, sports commentators or commercial sponsors cling to our wake. The main object is a gentle, uncompeti-tive pedal down the peaceful valley, so beloved by French kings and aristocrats that they built their castles and cultivated their vineyards close to the river there.

A car is too quick and walking rather slow for this countryside; a bicycle gives exactly the right pace to enjoy the scenery and cover the distance in the 13 days taken hetween Montrichard and Saumur. The route follows the river as it winds westwards through a region crowded with historical interest but with mercifully few serious hills to climb.

Our li-strong group is met from the train from Paris at Montrichard by Graham Bullock, Explore's "meeter and greeter", repairer of punctures and support driver. His van pulls a trailer filled with a selection of hardy, multigeared bicycles which he adjusts for each rider. Light-weight safety helmets, rather like sturdy soufflés, are handed round.

The routine is for luggage to be carried to the day's destination in the van, allowing the group to cycle unladen. Explore has booked rooms for the party in a variety of small. comfortable hotels along the way and provides a route plan detailed to the smallest road junction. Each morning after breakfast the day's itinerary is posted and Graham Bullock briefs the group on hazards to be expected, places of interest to visit and distances to be covered. The average daily ride is about 18 to 20 miles, although those with stouter limbs and greater enthusiasm may add on longer diversions.

Our group includes an American telephone engineer with tireless legs, an Austra-



Freewheeling in France through towns and countryside

and keep-fit zealot, a Yorkshire lawyer and his wife and a college lecturer who customised her bicycle with a wickerwork basket containing

a baguette wrapped in a towel, cheese and a flask of coffee. With such a crosssection of cyclists, the group soon spreads out, each rider pedalling at his or her own

Wherever possible the route steers well away from main highways, choosing instead lanes winding through open countryside or beside vinevards that spread neat as cordurov across the valley floor. In mid-September the temperature is perfect for cycling with an autumn crispness in the air.

After two days in Montrichard, where Richard the Lionheart was once besieged and imprisoned during the struggles between the Plantagenets and the Kings of France, the group have found their cycling legs and are wheeling their way to the Château Chenoneaux, an imoosing l6th-century pile, built in the middle of the river Cher. An easy ride through forest leads to the ancient town of Amboise.

The choice on day four is between a relaxing visit to the Leonardo da Vinci museum at the Château le Clos-Luce, or a more energetic trip to the hilltop Chateau Chaumont which gives superb views across the river and surrounding woodland.

The tour becomes a delightful succession of elegant castles, with the Château at Azay and in the forest of Chinon the Château d'Usse, reputedly the setting for the Sleeping Beauty. A long freewheel down a winding hill into the medieval streets of Chinon and across the river Vienne ends at our small hotel overlooked by the fortress where Joan of Arc met and recognised the Dauphin Charles in 1429.

The route then follows lanes to Fontevraud Abbey, near where the Vienne meets the Loire and famous as the resting place of the Kings of England. Decorated tombs contain the remains of Henry II, his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine, and Richard the Lionheart

The tour ends in a downpour at Saumur where the prospect of a hot bath in the hotel overwhelms even the attractions of a last imposing château and a display at the Ecole Nationale d'Equitation.

RONALD FAUX

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society hostess entertaining in her Paris apartment, the provincial housewife combing her village marché for the freshest local produce - and it becomes easy to understand how French produce and French recipes have gained such prestrata of French society - the Like all Western European

nations, however. France has not been immune to the fastfood and microwave invasion. and in recent years French eating habits have undergone several dramatic changes. Where once a three-hour lunch was considered the norm, the average Frenchman or woman often prefers to grab a snack nowadays. spending just an hour and 20 minutes a day a table. The drive towards a healthier and less fattening diet has led the French to consume considerably fewer eggs and potatoes, to reduce their sugar intake and to cut the amount of bread they eat: in the past 30 years this has fallen by half, leading bakers to make dire forecasts that if the French fail to support the baguette (virtually a national symbol) it will

disappear from their shops. Even wine consumption has fallen, with the average person getting through only 25 bottles a year instead of 90.

Struggling with the problems of recession in recent years, many French families

save money, and have turned increasingly to convenience foods, microwave dinners and even - dare it be said - the pizza delivery man.

As the French regard their culinary expertise as an important part of their patrimoine or national heritage, this shift in eating habits has generated considerable concern at the highest levels. The Culture Ministry has advised schools to introduce special gastronomic courses to encourage children, increas-ingly seduced by the instant gratification of McDonald's, to appreciate the fine products and cuisine of their region.

The revolution in eating habits has also struck at the heart of the French restaurant business, causing profound changes in the Gallic ap-proach to dining out. While the 1990s have seen many of France's most prestigious restaurants suffering from a malaise, in part on by exorbitant brought orices and the tendency to ruin old-fashioned ambiance with stuffy etiquette, an exciting new trend has emerged for moderately priced bistros boasting high-quality food and innovative menus. While grand restaurants such as Maxim's in Paris are half empty, many of the newer establishments, where diners can enjoy a fixed-menu lunch

for about £20 per person, have two-week waiting lists. Paris now has 19 baby bistros and more are opening in the provinces, some with distinguished chefs such as Guy Savoy and Jacques Cagna at the helm.

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Jones Boys Six clinch win after stomach-churning end to great first year of ITF

Shopping stops Jones going off his trolley

ike Jones had just come in from doing Eric Cantona's late goal settled the FA Cup Final on Saturday. Jones had chosen Saturday afternoon as being the ideal time for busily hunting through the aisles of Tescos for baked beans and cans of soup convenience. He had wanted to avoid the match.

Jones, a mathematics teacher at Meadowhead Compre-hensive in Sheffield, held a slender advantage at the top of the leaderboard in Interactive Team Football (ITF) going into the final week, which com-prised just the Wernbley showpiece. He thought that Jones Boys Six, his team, was far enough ahead to hang on. provided that the final did not need a replay to resolve the outcome. At 0-0, he was worried, but Cantona's strike moments after his arrival home brought welcome relief.

"I couldn't bare to watch the match with so much at stake," Jones said. "The only way I could lose was a replay or, possibly, a high-scoring game. Cantona's goal provided welcome relief, not least because I had transferred him into my team specially for the game." Jones admitted that luck

had naturally played its part in his success, but it was his conscienscious approach to monitoring fixtures sometimes weeks ahead that ensured that he stayed ahead of the

"I was constantly looking through books of statistics, checking injury reports and fixtures and even looking at disciplinary records," he said. "Mark Hughes and Roy Keane are examples of players who are very talented and always score goals, but happen to get booked too much. Their style of play tends to result in lost points through sendings off and lost time through suspensions, so, at the end of the day, they are a bad

The Jones Boys Six team



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that finished the competition comprised: goalkeeper: K Branagan (Bolton Wander-Branagan (Bolton Wanderers); full backs: P Neville (Manchester United), L Dixon (Arsenal); central defenders: P Albert (Newcastle United), M Wright (Liverpool); midfield players: S Watson (Newcastle United), R Earle (Wimbledon), J Redknapp (Liverpool), I Woan (Nottingham Forest); strikers: C Armstrong (Totten-ham Hotspur). E Cantona (Manchester United); manager: J Kinnear (Wimbledon).

Robbie Earle did fine service to Jones Boys Six, but it was manager awarded player-of-

had a slowish start to the year, but really came good when I needed him and is probably more responsible for my suc-cess than any other single player," Jones said.

"I was forced to take him out before the Cup Final just in case the unexpected happened, but, in the end, he typically kept a clean sheet and I need not have worried.

Jones is not planning any wild celebrations as the responsibilities of bringing up his young twin boys has to be remembered, and the money will probably go to providing for the future of "Jones Boys Two" rather than extravagances.

Jones's joy was Richard Layton's despair. The manager of the valiant Layton's Lions had chased the winner hard for a month but, in the end. he had just too much to do to close the gap.

The two men came face to

face at the ITF awards lunch held at the themed football restaurant "Football Football" n London's Haymarket on Sunday. Layton was generous in defeat and could only reflect that "Cantona could have cost me everything".
Third place went to Rajesh and Bhupesh Gohil, from

London, whose Gohils Gods 65 team dropped away only in the closing stages. The two men admitted that the competition had given them some great thrills and they were awaiting next year's keenly. In version of the game, to be launched on Saturday in The Times, will keep

When the contest had entered its final month, the outcome had seemed to rest between a handful of competitors, but the benefits of playing hard to the end were highlighted by Percys Progress, who. moved up to fifth overall and in so doing landed the £500



Jones receives the £50,000 ITF cheque from Mark Hughes at the ITF awards lunch on Sunday

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LEADING players from the FA Carling Premiership gathered at the presentation awards lunch of the inaugural £50,000 Interactive Team

Football (ITF) competition.

The ceremony, held at the newly-opened themed restaurant, "Football Football", in London's Haymarket, brought together the top ten finishers in the competition finishers in the competition with some of football's lead-ing lights, such as Mark Hughes of Chelsea, and Gary

Hughes presented the £50,000 winner's cheque to Mike Jones for the success of his team, Jones Boys Six, after which he praised the efforts of the game in lifting the public understanding of the Premiership and its players to

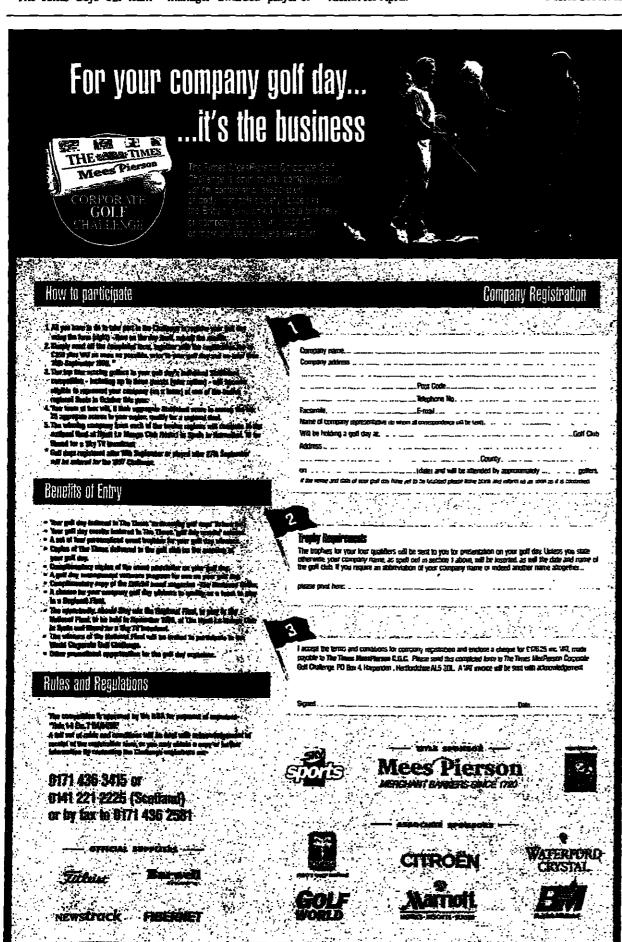
in a slightly different form and it is hoped that, through the promotion of the game in schools, pubs and other institutions, the number of players competing will be increased to far more than the 260,000 who took part in the highly

In order to maintain the interest of avid ITF players during the summer, The Times is launching a Euro 96 version of the game in a tabloid supplement that will appear on Saturday.

This competition will run over the course of the European championship finals and demand that ITF players display their knowledge of European football to score points in a similar fashion to the FA Carling Premiership version of the game. The main difference will be

that their will be no values attached to the players. Instead, entrants will be limited to two players from each include one player from the special "rising star" category. covering Europe's most exciting young players.

The competition will serve to provide added interest to the championship and anyone with specialist knowledge of European football is sure to enjoy a big advantage.



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	Code	Neme	Team	Ė.	Pts. Wk Ov
	10101	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	0 -22
	10102	B Mimms	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0 -1
	10201	P Schmeichei	Manchester United	5.00	+5+56
	10203	A Coton	Manchester United	2.50	0 0
	10301	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0 -31
	10302	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0 0
	10303	A Fettis	Nottingham Forest	1.50	ŏŏ
	10401	D James	Liverpool	3.50	-1+57
	10402	A Wamer	Liverpool	0.25	0 0
	10501	j Lukic	Leeds United	3.00	0 -19
	10502	M Beeney	Leeds United	0.75	0 -13
	10601	P Smicek	Newcastle United	3.00	0 -5
	10602	M Hooper	Newcastle United	1.00	0 0
	10603	S Hislop	Newcastle United	3.00	0+13
	10701	l Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0 +3
	10702	E Thorstvedt	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0 0
	10801	A Roberts	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0 -7
	10802	S Dykstra	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0 0
	10803	J Sommer	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0 -48
	10901	H Segers	Wimbledon	1.50	0 -7
	10902	N Şullivan	Wimbledon	0.75	0 -22
٠	10903	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.50	0 -38
	11001	B Grobbelaar	Southampton	1.50	0 0
٠	11002	D Beasant	Southampton	0.75	0 -20
	11101	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0 +6
	11102	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	1.00	0 -18
	11201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	0 + 36
	11202	Y Bartram	Arsenal	0.50	0 0
	11301	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 -47
	11302	C Woods	Sheffleld Wednesday	2.50	0 -6
	11401	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.50	0 -17
	1402	L Sealey N Southail	West Ham United	0.50	0 -5
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	11601	S Ogrizovic	Everton	0.75	0 0
	1602	J Gould	Coventry City	1.50	0 -14
	1603	J Filan	Coventry City	0.75	0 0
	1702	A Dibble	Coventry City Manchester City	1,50	0 -35
	1703	E Immet	Manchester City	2.50	0 0
	1801	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	2.00 2.50	0 -39 0+30
	1803	M Oakes	Aston Villa	0.50	0 0
	1901	A Miller	Middlesbrough	2.00	0 -2
	1902	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	0.75	0 -18
	2001	K Branagan	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0 -71
1	2002	A Davison	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0 -6
1	2003	G Ward	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0 -8
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10302	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0 0
10303	A Fettis	Nottingham Forest	1.50	ŏŏ
10401	D James	Liverpool	3.50	-1 +57
10402	A Warner	Liverpool	0.25	0 0
10501	j Lukic	Leeds United	3.00	0 -19
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		Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0 +3
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10801	A Roberts	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0 -7
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10901	H Segers	Wimbledon	1.50	0 -7
10902	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	0.75	0 -22
10903	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.50	0 -38
11001	B Grobbelaar	Southampton	1.50	0 0
11002	D Beasant	Southampton	0.75	0 -20
11101	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0 +6
11102	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	1.00	0 -18
11201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	0+36
11202	Y Bartram	Arsenal	0.50	0 0
11301	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 -47
11302	C Woods	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 -6
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11402	L Sealey	West Ham United	0.50	0 -5
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11502	J Kearton	Everton	0.75	0 0
11601	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	0 -14
11602	J Gould	Coventry City	0.75	0 0
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	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	2.50	0+30
11803	M Oakes	Aston Villa	0.50	0 0
11901	A Miller	Middlesbrough	2.00	0 -2
11902	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	0,75	0 -18
12001	K Branagan	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0 -71
12002	A Davison	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0 -6
12003	G Ward	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0 -8
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20101	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0+18
20102	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	4,50	
20103	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0 +3 0+26
20103	G Croft			
20104 20201		Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0 0
	D Irwin	Manchester United		+4+54
20202	P Parker	Manchester United	2.50	0 +1
20203	G Neville	Manchester United	2.50	0+22
20204	P Neville	Manchester United		+3+50
20301	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.50	0+28
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20101	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0+18
20102 20103	G Le Saux J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers Blackburn Rovers	4,50 3,50	0 +3 0+26
20104	G Croft	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0 0
20201 20202	D Irwin P Parker	Manchester United Manchester United	4.50 2.50	+4+54 0 +1
20203	G Neville	Manchester United	2.50	0+22
20204 20301	P Neville S Pearce	Manchester United Nottingham Forest	0.75 4.50	+3+50
20302	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0+20
20401	A Haaland R Jones	Nottingham Forest Liverpool	1.00 3.00	0 -16 0+60
20402 20403	S Bjornebye S Harkness	Liverpool	3.00 0.75	0 +8 0+30
20501	T Dorigo	Liverpool Leeds United	3.50	0+15
20502 20503	G Kelly N Worthington	Leeds United Leeds United	3.00 1.50	0+18 0 -2
20601	J Beresford	Newcastle United	3.00	0+11
20603 20701	W Barton D Austin	Newcastle United Tottenham Hotspur	3.00 2.50	0+24 0+12
20702	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0 +5
20703 20704	S Campbell D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur Tottenham Hotspur	1.50 1.00	0+40
20705	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0+22
20801	D Bardsley R Brevett	Queens Park Rangers	2.00 1.50	0 -14 0 -2
20802	N Zelic	Queens Park Rangers Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0 -3
20804	T Challis A Kimble	Queens Park Rangers Wimbledon	1.00 2.50	0 -1
20901 20902	G Elkins	Wimbledon	2.50 1.50	0 0
20903	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	1.50	0 -14
20904 21001	R Joseph J Dodd	Wimbledon Southampton	0.75 1.50	0 0 0+24
21002	F Benali	Southampton	1.00	0+10
21003 21101	S Charlton S Clarke	Southampton Chelsea	1.00 1.50	0 +6 0+11
21102	S Minto	Chelsea	1.50	0 +2
21104 21105	A Myers T Phelan	Chelsea Chelsea	0.50 1.50	0+12 0.+6
21106	D Petrescu	Chelsea Amonal	2.50	0+20 0+56
21201 21202	L Dixon N Winterburn	Arsenal Arsenal	3.00 3.00	0+54
21203	S Morrow I Nolan	Arsenal Sheffield Wednesday	1.50 2.50	0 +4 0 -9
21302 21303	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 -15
21304	D Stefanovic	Sheffield Wednesday West Ham United	2.50 3.50	0 -4 0+26
21401 21402	J Dicks T Breacker	West Ham United	3.00	0 -10
21403	K Brown	West Ham United	0.75	0 +3 0+13
21404 21501	K Rowland G Ablett	West Ham United Everton	0.75 2.50	0+10
21502	E Barrett	Everton	2.50 1.50	0 +4 0+11
21503 21505	M Jackson M Hottiger	Everton Everton	3.00	0 +7
21601	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50 1.00	0 +4 0+21
21602 21 03	A PickerIng S Morgan	Coventry City Coventry City	0.75	0 0
.604	M Hall	Coventry City Manchester City	0.75 1.50	0 -8 0 -1
21702 21704	R Edghill J Foster	Manchester City	0.75	0 -1
21706	M Frontzeck G Charles	Manchester City Aston Villa	1.50 2.50	0 -12 0+50
21801 21802	S Staunton	Aston Villa	4.50	0+12
21803 21804	A Wright P King	Aston Villa Aston Villa	2.50 0.50	0+56 0 0
21901	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.75	0 -7
21902 21903	N Cox C Morris	Middlesbrough Middlesbrough	1.00 0.75	0+22 0+16
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.50	0 +5 0 -1
21905 22001	Branco G Bergsson	Middlesborough Bolton Wanderers	2.50 0.50	0 -10
22002	S Green	Bolton Wanderers	0.25 0.75	0 -9
22003 22004	J Philips A Todd	Bolton Wanderers Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0 -4
22005	S McAnespie	Bolton Wanderers	0.50 0.50	0 0
22006	B Small	Bolton Wanderers	0.30	U -1
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30101	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	0+22
30102	l Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0 +3
30103	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0 +5
30104	A Reed	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	_
30105	C Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	
30201	S Bruce	Manchester United	4.50	
30202	G Pallister	Manchester United		+4+42
30203	D May	Manchester United	1.50	+4+30
30301	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.50	0+27
30302	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0+13
30401	P Babb	Liverpool	3.00	-1 +44
30402	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.50	0+41
30403	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	D +49
30404	M Wright	Liverpool	1.00	0+45
30405	D Matteo	Liverpool	0.75	0 +8
30501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	3.50	0+26
30502	C Palmer	Leeds United	3.00	0+13
30503	J Pemberton	Leeds United	1.50	0 -11
30505	P Beesley	Leeds United	1.00	0+10
30506	R Jobson	Leads United	1.50	0 +3
30601	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.00	0+30
<b>#</b> :0602	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	0+26
30603	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	0+29
30701	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2,50	0+37 0+25
30702	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50 0.75	0 +25
30703	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0 0
30704	K Scott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.73	0 0

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	Danish Dynamite	(J Molby)	521	38	Prince's Team	(A Philippe)
?	West Shambles Utd	(S Webster)	488	39	Mine Mine United	(S Hodge)
,	Nash FC	(M Powell)	471	40	Ryton Raiders	(G Gillespie)
ļ	Rattus Norvegicus	(S Pearce)	466	40	Eleven From Heaven	(A Limpar)
i	Dred Select	(S Morgan)	461	42	Fast Attack	(D Lee)
ì	Teds Xi	(B Home)	452	43	Fergies Fivers	(D Ferguson)
•	Macs Moodies	(A McDonald)	448	44	Sabs Eleven	(S Bould)
l	Cadburys Busst	(D Busst)	440	44	T B's XI	(D Wise)
l	The Ruff Necks	(R Fox)	439	46	Sheffield City FC	(C Tiler)
ł	The Moody Blues	(N Spackman)	438	47	Sheep in White Socks	(D Phillips)
	J&FFC	(J Beresford)	436	48	Tailaght Town	(G O'Toole)
!	Southcote Old Boys	(M Allen)	430	49	Pedro's Pearls	(P Beardsley)
	Bulldock Toon	(S Stone)	428	50	Smokin Cigars	(N Zelic)
	Dodgy Barnets Eleven	(J Beresford)	423	51	The Flair Boys	(L Clark)
	Pure Silk	(T Sinclair)	423	52	Hitchys XI	(K Hitchcock)
	Mbi's	(D Peacock)	421	53	Complete Madness	(S Chettle)
	Poelvo	(M Kennedy)	421	53	Keepers Greapers	
	J C's Superstars	(S Clarke)	414	55	The True Vikings	(S Ogrizovic) (S Bjornebye)
	Bruces Bonus	(A Hinchcliffe)	412	56	Pie Men	(S Bjornebye) (J Parkinson)
	The Bluenoses	(J Spencer)	410			
	Kansas City Kings	(T Breaker)	409	57	The Lepricoms	(K Gillespie)
	Robs Rockets	(R Lee)	409	58	Kirkby Krunchers	(A Stubbs)
	The Warriors	(S Dykstra)	407	59	Craigs Crackers	(G Strachan)
	The Fab 12	(F Defreitas)	407	60	Kit & Kaboodie	(J Moncur)
	Quango Utd	(B Borrows)	403	60	Teffon Town	(K Branagan)
	Fantasina	(D Platt)	402	62	Raggy Rovers	(J Darby)
	Toshy's Welsh Terrie	(I Rush)	401	63	Smart Team	(J Gould)
	The Crazy Boys	(N McDonald)	398	64	Gemmas Gems	(G Strachan)
	Whittys Winners	(S Whittaker)	392	65	Spice Islanders	(B Batson)
	Avenue Foch Town FC	(M Crossley)	391	66	Manchester Marauders	(A Pickering)
	Elly's Eggs	(R Elliott)	390	67	Lifes A Pitch	(B Marwood)
	Cracker Jacks	(S Elliott)	389	68	Goalies 11	(D Seaman) .
	Goochies	(N Southall)	389	69	Ryton Wanderers	(P Shilton)
	Barkers Follies	(S Barker)	389	70	Foreign United	(R Sneekes)
	Silver Band Club XI	(T Blake)	383	71	One Footed Wonders	(D Fairclough)
	Squark Hubbas	(D Dichio)	382	72	Steamo Utd	(J Williams)
	Idsh Connection	(W Boland)	381	73	Champagne Charlies	(S Osbom)

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30801	D Maddix	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0 -13
30802	S Yates	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0 -13
30803	A McDonaid	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0 +6
30805	K Ready	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0 -5
30901	A Reeves	Wimbledon	2.50	0 -2
30902	A Thorn	Wimbledon	0.75	0 -5
30903	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.75	0 -8
30904	C Perry	Wimbledon	1.00	0 -13
30905	A Pearce	Wimbledon	2.50	0 +1
31001	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	0+17
31002	A Neilson	Southampton	1.50	0+16
31003	R Hall	Southampton	1.50	0+15
31101	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	0 +9
31102	J Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	1.50	0 0
31103	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	0 +5
31104	D Lee	Chelsea	0.75	0+20
31105	M Duberry	Cheisea	2.50	0 +1
31201	T Adams	Arsenal	4.50 3.00	0+27 0+23
31202	S Bould M Keown	Arsenal Arsenal	1.50	0+23
31203 31204		Arsenal	1.50	0+18
31301	A Linighan D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 0
31303	J Newsome	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 0
31401	S Potts	West Ham United	2.50	0+13
31402	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	0+14
31403	A Martin	West Ham United	1.00	0+19
31405	A Whitbread	West Ham United	0.50	0 0
31406	S Bilic	West Ham United	1.50	0 +4
31501	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	0 + 39
31502	D Watson	Everton	2.50	0+27
31503	C Short	Everton	2.50	0+13
31602	D Rennie	Coventry City	0.75	0 -7
31603	D Busst	Coventry City	0.75	0 +5
31604	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.50 1.50	0 -15 0 -9
31605 31606	R Shaw L Daish	Coventry City Coventry City	1.50	0 -9
31701	K Curie	Manchester City	1.50	0 +8
31702	A Kernaghan	Manchester City	1.00	0 -3
31704	К Ѕутопа	Manchester City	1.50	0+13
31801	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	2.50	0+39
31802	P McGrath	Aston Villa	1.50	0+28
31804	C Tiler	Aston Villa	0.75	0 +1
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	0.75	0+14
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	0.75	0+17
31903	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0 0
31904	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	0.75	0+15
32001	A Stubbs	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0+12
32002	C Fairclough	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0 -20
32003	S Coleman	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0 -1
32004	G Taggart	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0 -10
32005	G Strong	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0 0

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41508	A Grant	Everton	0.50 0+16
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#### Test-tube babies for HIV mothers

■ Britain's leading test-tube baby doctor blew open the ethical debate on fertility treatments yesterday by offering to help HTV-positive women to conceive. Professor Robert Winston has already treated a former heroin user and says he has several other infected patients on his books.

His decision prompted immediate calls for tighter controls on the clinics which treat 18,000 infertile women a year, although the British Medical Association said that doctors should be trusted to make judgments.....

#### Gas price curbs 'would threaten jobs'

■ About 10,000 jobs would be at risk if tough price curbs were forced on British Gas, the company said after the industry regulator revealed plans to cut customers' bills by about £50 a year. British Gas shares slumped 27p to 201p ...... Pages 1, 27

#### Labour shake-up

A radical shake-up of the workings of Parliament, including the abolition of the long summer recess and substantially increased powers for Commons committees, is to be proposed by .. Page i Labour ...

#### Controversial bishop

The Rev John Broadhurst, one of the strongest opponents of women priests in the Church of England, is to be appointed bishop .... ... Page l

#### Teacher's terror

A teacher's attempts to fire her pupils' imagination by staging a fake terrorist attack on their school backfired when the children cried and complained to their .Page i parents..

#### Murder retrial

Sara Thornton, 41, who denies murdering her husband, was portrayed as a pathological liar and compulsive attention-.... Page 3

#### Father sues

A father is to sue an education authority for failing to provide his son with proper schooling after teachers barred the boy because of violence.

#### Legal crisis

Crown Prosecution Service lawyers want to meet the Attorney-General and Solicitor-General about "day-to-day crisis management" in the courts ...... Page 6

#### Plea to Vatican

Roman Catholic leaders in Britain have urged the Vatican to announce a successor to the late Archbishop of Liverpool quickly to end the speculation they believe is causing rifts within the

#### Hardy season

Directors and producers are avidly rereading Thomas Hardy's classics in a rush to make them into films as popular with audiences as Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility....

#### Chirac sympathy On the eve of his three-day state

visit to Britain, President Chirac expressed sympathy for British cattle farmers and said France would back any relaxation of the beef ban approved at a European level......Pages 11, 16, 20-23 **Death on Everest** 

Rob Hall, 35, the leading New Zealand mountaineer, bade a poignant farewell to his pregnant wife by radio before apparently dying near the summit of Mount

Everest, which he had climbed

#### five times .... . Page 12 Mandela ministers

President Mandela, facing criticism of his leadership and govperformance. ernment's attempted to consolidate the ANC's grip on power by rewarding favourite ministers with portfolios abandoned by the National Party.

#### French singers Scotch chauvinism

France has dropped its centuries old tradition of cultural chauvinism by choosing a Scottish woman to represent it in the Eurovision song contest to be held in Oslo on Saturday. Britain's entry is to be sung by Gina G, an Australian; Austria's song is a gospel number, while Iceland's entry is based on American music of the forties and fifties......Pages 6, 17



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Going strong: The octogenarian composer Henri Dutilleux takes part in a London festival of French

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China is preparing to begin a new nuclear test on its site at Lop Nor. Although this country is, of all the nuclear powers, the one which has carried out the least number of tests, it cannot put itself so obviously in contradiction with the sensitivity of the era on such a subject without submitting to major international disgrace. - Le Monde

#### TYTISTINGS

Preview: John Pilger goes on an undercover mission to expose atrocities in Burma. Network First (ITV, 10.40pm). Review: Peter Barnard enjoys a gene hunt with Pro-.......... Page 5] fessor Steve Jones ....

#### OPINION 25 **Prophets of Prague**

The rising exasperation with the West in Europe's new democracies aids the return of communists: some less reformed than others The Prague congress did well to 

#### Clown and Broke

The position of Chancellor is not a popular one. Nor does it seem that the Shadow role brings much more in the way of plaudits. Kenneth Clarke and Gordon Brown have both suffered a barrage of criticism from their respective parties as the force of economic orthodoxy has pushed the policies of the two ..Page 17 together ....

#### The Auld Alliance

Karen Matheson may sing this Saturday in Breton, a sister tongue of Gaelic, but for most Scots songs of Celtic solidarity will remain what they sing at Parkhead when Rang-. Page 17

#### COLUMNS V.

#### LIBBY PURVES

While useless governmental agencies shadow-box endlessly about Spanish trawlers, the World Wide Fund for Nature has entered into an agreement with Unilever - the world's biggest seafood supplier to set up the Marine Stewardship Council, an independent body which intends to "establish a broad set of principles for sustainable fishing and set standards for individual fisheries".....Page 16

#### ANATOLE KALETSKY

The French seem to have won their long battle with the Bundesbank. It now looks as if the single currency will be created on French terms with the Maastricht target softened, and European currencies devalued against the dollar and . Page 16:

#### Nnamdi Azikiwi, former President

of Nigeria; Joan Thirkettle, ITN news reporter ..... ..... Page 19

## ETTERS ---

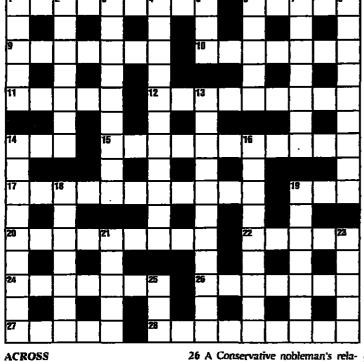
British trade options outside EU; long-term care reforms: Chaplaincy rules on homosexuals ... Page 17

Sleet and

Tempera (Celsius)

Wind speed (mph) & direction

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- 1 Studying the form of mounts (9). 6 Muslim city in grip of doctrine (5). 9 Medley including nothing after long jazz piece (7).
- 10 A worry with computer memory - it's rearranged characters (7). 11 Searches throughout earth for
- colutions (5). 12 Broadcast of Lucretia Borgia's No. 3 on the network (9).
- 14 1 Kings appears to be provocative
- 7 15 Want a little money once for first part of repayment (11). 17 Eager consumer's payment mostly pinched by crooked mer-
- 19 What's visible from position on
- board (even though docked)? (3). 20 These are translatable as "sliding"
- 22 Uninspiring religious observance at front of temple (5). 24 Silly clipped way of speaking, a

nervous response (7).

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- tion (7).
- 27 Farmers overlooking nothing in the country (5). 28 Teacher's first instruction to economics student may be routine
- work (9). DOWN
- Suggestion's inappropriate, meet-ing hesitation (5). 2 It restricts movements of rower or
- limits a rugby forward (7). 3 Sort of music from harp disco
- oddly used (9). 4 Changing shape involves skin mostly being constrained to fit (11).
- Agreement with conclusions of jury — and vice versa (3). Man's name - it is visible in the
- 7 Rock singer's traditional stuff sure to be forgotten in more relaxed times (?)
- 8 Notes from me, and doctor hurried 10 lawyer (9). 13 A crowded reign? (11). 14 Trying it out, injecting Ecstasy? So
- much for upright attitude! (9). 16 Burn without topping? Without topping and overlooked (9).
- 18 Preference for flower? It is found in a tree (7). 19 I'm consumed by terrible lust, one providing incentives (7).
- 21 Demonstrated a fabric (5). 23 Praise former work after one's dismissal (5). 25 It could be either end of whipper

# TIMES WEATHERCALE

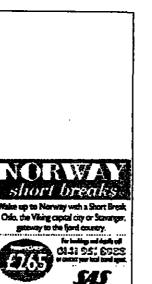
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Bake up to NORWAY

☐ General: England and Wales will have a dry sunny day after any early-morning mist or fog patches clear away. Temperatures will be a degree or so down on yesterday's and winds will be light.

Much of Scotland, along with Northem Ireland will also be dry, but there will be a few light showers in places exposed to the north and west. Overnight there will be rather less mistiñess, but there will be a widespread ground frost with air frost in well sheltered

🗋 London, E Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales, Central N

England: dry with clear or sunny spells after early mist. Winds light to moderate, northeasterly. Max 15C (59F).

☐ SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E England, Channel Isles, SW England: Wind light to moderate, northeasterly. Max 14C (57F), cooler

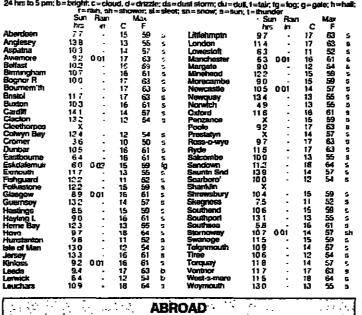
□ N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow: dry with clear or sunny spells after early mist clears. Wind light, east or north-easterly. Max 14C (57F). ■ NE England, Borders, Edin-

burgh & Dundee, Aberdeen: clear or sunny spells with perhaps a shower. Wind light to moderate, northwesterly, Max 11C (52F).

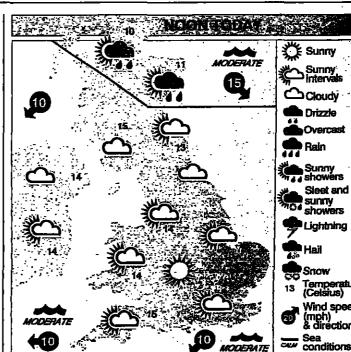
Central Highlands, Moray
Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW
Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland: clear or sunny spells and showers, perhaps wintry on higher ground, clearer later. Wind moderate, northwesterly. Max

12C (54F) ☐ Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: remaining mainly dry, showers in the north.

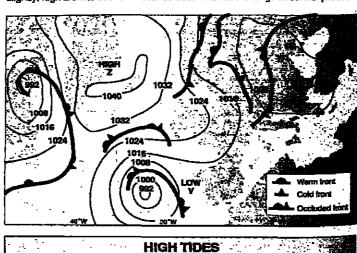
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